# U.S. urges Israeli restraint

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States has asked Israel to refrain from retaliating against Syria for a hang-glider attack by a Syrian-backed group that killed six Israeli soldiers. State Department officials said Monday. U.S. diplomats have also asked Syria to use its influence with the Palestinian group that carried out the Nov. 25 attack in northern Israel to Palestinian group that carried out the cov. 25 attack in normal and both prevent similar actions by the group, the officials said. "We've asked both prevent similar actions by the group, the officials said. "We've asked both officials speaking on condition of sides to exercise restraint," said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's much better to avoid escalation between Syria and israel," he added, noting that the two sides had enjoyed relatively calm relations in recent months. In Tel Aviv, the Israeli prime minister. Yitzhak Shamir confirmed that Israel had been asked not to retaliate during U.S.-Soviet summit for the hang-glider raid. He said Israel would take its own decision when and how to respond to the attack. "There are some requests of this character you've mentioned. Mr. Shamir told reponers at a rally in support of Soviet Jewish emigration.



#### Aziz meets with Shultz

WASHINGTON (API - Iraq's foreign minister said Monday he reiterated his country's desire for an end to the Iran-fraq war at a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on the eye of the U.S. Soviet summit. Tariq Aziz said he hoped the Iran-Iraq was would be "one of the major issues that will be discussed between" President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gotbachev. Asked if he was promised by Mr. Shultz that the United States would pressure the Soviet Union on the situation in the Gulf, Mr. Aziz said, "We did not discuss summit husiness." Besides hilateral issues, Mr. Ana said he told Mr. Shalt: that Iraq wants peace, welcomes a U.N. resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and is "ready to implement it fully." Iran has insisted Iraq be branded "the aggressor" in the war before it considers a ceaseful. Mr. ·Aziz spent about 30 minutes with Mr. Shultz. Mr. Aziz is to see U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on Tuesday.

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#### rown Prince returns

MMAN (J.T.) — His Royal ighness Crown Prince Hassan turned to Amman on Monday er a four-day private visit to te Netherlands and Luxemurg. The Crown Prince was reced upon his arrival by Deputy ime Minister Abdul Wabah Al ajali, Court Minister Adnan nu Odeh. Chief Chamberlain ince Ra'd Ibn Zaid and a num-1 of senior officials. Prior to his um, Prince Hassan sent a ile to Speaker of the Lower ruse of Parliament Akef Al yez, congratulating him on the xess of an operation he undernt last week at a hospital in inston, Texas. In his cable, the own Prince wished Mr. Favez a edy recovery and a safe return

#### alks scheduled on rdan-Iraq operation

MAN (OPECNA) - Bilatercooperation between Iraq and dan will be discussed at a eriog here Friday of a standing at committee which meets ce a year. The two-day meetwill review progress achieved rarious sectors where bilateral angements exist, including oil, ustry, trade and culture. The pidelegation will be headed by st Deputy Prime Minister ia Yassin Kamadan, while the danian side will be led by oe Minister Zaid Rifai.

### agi leader gets byan message

GHDAD (R) — An envoy vered a letter from Libyan er Muammar Qadhafi for Iraresident Saddam Hussein on nday, the Iraqi News Agency A) reported. It did not reveal cootents, but said the envoy. ya's Charge d'Affaires in vait Hassona Al Shawesh, dised bilateral relations when he ded the letter to Izzat Ibravice-president of Iraq's rul-Revolutionary Command

### eikh Zayed visit Egypt

U DHABI (R) — The presi-tofthe United Arah Emirates IE), Sheikh Zayed Ion Sultan Nahayan, accepted an invitaoo Monday to visit Egypt wing the restoration of full omatic ties. Egyptian Presi-l Hosni Mubarak extended invitation in a telephone conation with Sheikh Zayed durwhich they discussed the Iranwar, the Emirates News ncy (WAM) reported. WAM the date of the visit, the first ial one to Egypt hy Sheikh ed, would be agreed later.

#### **70 Gulf areas** dared mine-free

J DHABI (R) - The southand central Gulf are clear of s after being scoured by sweepers of five West Eurooations, a Dutch naval comder said on Monday. Captain van Spall, commander of h minesweepers, told Reua joint Dutch-Belgian-British had swept more than 500 re miles of sea off Bahrain. : area that we searched is and we are not aware of any r area of the Gulf east of 51 ees that is mine dangerous, Van Spall said. The 51st ee of longitude runs 30 miles

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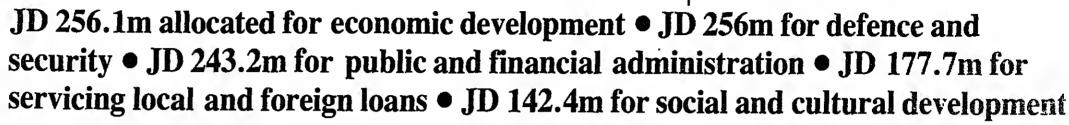
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# Government presents JD 1.075 b budget for 1988

JD 69.9m deficit to be covered through controlled spending, loans and better collection of revenues • Local income estimated at 97.7% of recurrent expenditure



By Jordan Times Staff Reporters

AMMAN — The Government on Monday presented a JD 1075.4 million draft budget for 1988 to the Lower House of Parliament for discussion and approval. The draft budget reflected a 6.6 per cent increase over the reestimated 1987 budget.

The deficit of the 1988 draft House, Dr. Odeb outlined the development growth of the counhudget is estimated at JD 66.9 million and "will be covered by a projected improvement of the local sources of revenue, hy controlling of public expenditures and through local and foreign borrowing," said Finance Minis-ter Hanna Odeh who presented the budget to the House. In a lengthy statement to the

main features of the draft hudget. the government's objectives and the fundamentals of the Kingdom's monetary policies.

He noted that the recent collapse of the major international stock markets, along with the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war and the Israeli-Arah conflict, had adversely affected the rate of the U.S.

tries of the region.

But we (in Jordan) have been able to keep the negative effects at their minimum level." Dr. Odeh told Parliament at its ordinary session chaired by Deputy Speaker Ismail Hijazi substituting for Speaker Akef Al Fayez who is undergoing medical treatment in

The minister did not elaborate. but later during the session. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai disclosed that the amount of Jordan's accumulated deficit had reached ID 259.7 million.

Mr. Rifai urged Arab countries to fulfil their financial obligations towards Jordan saying that if

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# Reagan-Gorbachev summit begins today in Washington not to forget

Soviet leader secures Thatcher's endorsement of INF agreement during stop-over in England

WASHINGTON (Ageocies) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachey on Monday headed for summit talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan that will crown their agreement to dismantle their medium-range nuclear mis-.

Dr. Hanna Odeb

The Soviet leader, making his first visit to the United States, was to arrive with his wife, Raisa, in Washington in late afternoon eht Jordan Time).

Mr. Gorbachev. who stopped over to meet with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher outside London, received an endorsement from Mrs. Thatcher for the accord:

"The treaty which Mr. Gorhacbev is going to sign is a histor-ic treaty, she said after two hours of talks with the Soviet leader. She said she told Mr. Gorbachev she hoped the United States and Soviet Union would go on to sign a treaty halving their

KUWAIT (Agencies) - An Ira-

nian Silkworm missile aimed at

Kuwait detonated harmlessly in

southern territorial waters off the

main offshore oil loading termin-

al on Monoay, the Defence

However, shipping sources said

the Chinese-made missile hit a

decoy harge off the Al Ahmadi

Iran did not acknowledge its

forces fired the missile, the

seventh reported to have hit

Kuwait's waters or territory this

The Kuwaiti government strongly protested the anack to

Iran's envoy here. Foreign Minis-

ter Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad sent

messages to international, region-

al and Arab organisations on the

aggression, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. It did

At the southern end of the

Gulf, a Singapore-flag tanker

with a load of Saudi Arabian

naphta was reported to be sinking

after burning "from end to end"

despite attempts by salvage tug-

boats to contain a fire started by

an Iranian gunboat attack a day

Meanwhile, the London-based

'Lloyds shipping intelligence unit

confirmed an Iraqi air raid that

badly damaged a Cypriot-flag

tanker near Iran's key Kharg

Island oil terminal in the northern

Lloyds said the 238,909-ton

Actinia. also known as Aktinia,

was fully loaded from Kharg

when attacked twice within five

earlier (See page 2).

not disclose their contents.

oil terminal.

Mr. Gorbachev said after talks with Mrs. Thatcher he hoped the Washington summit would help to restructure international relations and deepen East-West understanding.

U.S. and Soviet officials said in interviews on American television that they hoped progress could be made on the strategic weapons so that such a treaty could be signed at a second sum-U.S. arms control negonator

Maynard Glitman also was flying to Washington from Geneva on Monday, carrying the I50-page text of the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty in his

Mr. Glitman's rush to Washington on the eve of the summit underscored the difficulties that confronted American and Soviet negotiators in meeting the deadline for completing the al indicated he was optimistic long-runge nuclear missiles next final draft of the treaty, which about the talks" in Washington.

Friday. The tanker was also

struck by Iraqi jets in September.

accused by Tehran of aherting

Iraq's military effort, was

apparently aimed at Al Ahmadi's Sea Island terminal, which only

recently hegan partial operations

after it was destroyed in another

Diplomats in the Gulf said the

attack was a clear message to

President Ronald Reagan and

Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

hachev, ahead of their Washing-

ton talks, that Iran would not

bend to pressure to implement a

U.N. ceasefire order in its war

The Kuwaiti government also

briefed amhassadors of the five

permanent members of the U.N.

Security Council - the United

States, France, the Soviet Union,

Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al

Ahmad Al Sabah, appealed on

the eve of the superpower summit

to Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gor-

bachev to restore peace to the

troubled region and push through

a settlement to the Iran-Iraq war

The Al Ahmadi terminal

accommodates the II Kuwaiti

tankers which have been reflag-

ged with the U.S. flag and which the U.S. navy began escorting

through the Gulf since last July to

help Kuwait protect its oil ship-

A Defence Ministry spokes-man said the Silkworm "missed

its target and crashed into the

(See page 2).

Britain, France and China.

Silkworm strike Oct. 22.

The missile attack on Kuwait,

Sabah lodges wide protest

would scrap all medium-range missiles over the oext three years. Details of the treaty were made public on Monday. U.S. negotiator Kenneth L

Adelman said each country would bave the option of destroying up to 100 of its banned missiles by launching them without warheads - into the air within six months after the treaty is signed.

Mr. Adelman said the Soviets mit meeting in Moscow next year. already had decided to take this option, although the United States is still undecided.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters that Mrs. Thatcher had telephoned Mr. Reagan to brief him about her meeting with Mr. Gorbachev. Fitzwater, holding the first for-

mal briefing for some 7,000 reporters at the summit press centre, said Mrs. Thatcher told Mr. Reagan that "the secretary gener-Iran fires missile at Kuwait;

Officials of the state-run

Kuwait Petroleum Corporation

said the missile also splashed into

the water halfway between the

terminal and a floating single

huoy mooring that could also

Gulf-based sbipping executives

said the missile fired at 7:53 a.m.

(0453 GMT) was successfully de-

flected hy a decoy barge deployed

south of the Sea Island terminal.

A loud bang accompanied the

The harge is one of about 10

small platforms that have been

spread about the waters of the

vital terminal as part of

strengthened Kuwaiti defences in

the region, the sources said. The

platforms are equipped with met-

al grids to deflect the Silkworms

Three of the earlier Silkworms

fired at Kuwait had fallen in areas

further south of Al Ahmadi and

caused little damage. In October,

two Silkworms hit two vessels off

the Sea Island terminal, including

a U.S.-flag Kuwaiti tankers, and

The terminal began partial op-

erations 10 days ago. It had been

Iran's charge d'affaires,

Mohammad Faroughy, was sum-

moned to the Foreign Ministry Monday, and Under-Secretary

Suleiman Majed Al Shaheen

"protested Iran's flagrant aggression on Kuwait," KUNA re-

shut down since Oct. 22.

a third destroyed the facility.

and protect the terminal.

help load supertankers.

# Arabs urge superpowers **Palestine**

WASHINGTON (R) - The Arab League protested on Mon-day at what it called the lopsided attention given to Jewish im-migration to Israel at the superpower summit, saying it could have dangerous consequences.

"For the U.S. to inject this issue at this time will further and fuel to the already explosive situation in the Mideast," said the Arab League's U.S. representative, Clovis Maksoud, in a summit-eve statement.

"The disproportionate attention give to the issue of Jewish immigration during the Reagan-Gorbachev summit is very disturbing to the Arab World and a protent of dangerous consequences," said the Arab League

"What is mind-boggling for the Arabs is the instant manner with which congressmen and administration officials swallow the Israeli line on this matter, while at the same time ignore completely the rights of the Palestinian refugees to return to their homes a right that has been recognised hy the United States and systematically violated by Israel."

In war-torn Lehanon on Monday, several hundred Palestinian children appealed to Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev to help them to return to their bomeland and live in peace like other children.

# King and Saudi leader review **Gulf and Mideast situation**

RIYADH (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein held talks on Monday with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia on efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war and settle the Arab-Israeli con-

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, said the talks between the two leaders centred "on recent efforts aimed at bolstering Arab solidar-ity and serving the higher interests of the Arab Nation in light of the resolutions adopted at the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arab summit conference held in Amman.

the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war, exchanged views on major issues on the Arah scene and discussed means of enhancing Jordanian-Saudi relations," Petra said.

The talks were attended on the Jordanian side hy Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. On the Saudi side, the meening was attended by Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister Prince Ahdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdul Aziz.

King Fahd hosted a dinner in honour of the King and the delegation accompanying them. The dinner was attended hy



on Monday hy Royal Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid (left)

senior Saudi officials. Petra said the talks between Amman. the two leaders would also deal with cooperation and relations framework of continuing coordination and consultations be-

tween the two countries, it said. The King was seen off upon his departure hy Court Minister Adnan Ahu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain, Prince Ra'd Ihn Zaid and senior Royal Court officials.

Saudi Amhassador in Amman Mohammad Al Fahd Al Issa accompanied the King to the

Petra also said the two leaders

last month's Arah summit in

The Arab summit called for international action to force Iran between the two countries. His to accept a ceasefire under Un-Majesty's visit is within the ited Nations Security Council Resolution 598. Although King Fahd did not

attend the summit, citing health problems. Saudi Arabia lauded its outcome.

Since the summit, King Hussein has sent envoys throughout Europe and Asia to brief leaders there on its outcome.

During the Amman summit, the King crowned a reconciliation hetween Iraq and Syria and the monarch has since visited Baghwould also review the outcome of dad and Damascus.

# Peres advocates Israeli demilitarisation of Gaza

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, raised the prospect of withdrawing Israeli troops from the occupied Gaza Strip during an angry exchange with right-wing parlia-mentarians on Monday. Aides said Mr. Peres was re-

sponding to demands for Israel to annex the Gaza Strip.

The demands came after an Israeli senler was stabbed to

death in Gaza City on Sunday. "What is better for our security - that we police the Gaza Strip

or that it be demilitarised under our supervision? What is preferable or what is more dangerous — 300 square kilometres of Gaza Strip or 650,000 hostile inhabitants?" Mr. Peres asked parliament's foreign affairs and defence

An aide later said the foreign minister meant the idea in the context of a negotiated peace settlement and was not proposing a unilateral Israeli troop with-

Palestinian activists have killed several Israelis in Gaza in the last year, including the military police chief, a Shin Bet security man and three Jewish settlers.

Mr. Peres, leader of the Labour Party, attacked Jewish settlers who have taken over nearly a third of the land in the Gaza Strip with government

"Where is the logic? What do we gain from the settlements in the heart of that district? And what kind of Jewish morality is it to shoot a schoolgirl?" he asked. A Jewish settler was charged in

an Israeli court on Friday with murdering a 17-year-old Palestinian girl in her school courtyard last month after demonstrators stoned settlers' cars. Mr. Peres, a former prime

minister, also spoke against Jewish settlement in Gaza, saying: "What is the wisdom of huilding settlements? Soon there will be a million Arahs there." According to Israeli estimates.

there will be one million Arabs in Gaza by the year 2000. Israeli plans call for 30,000 settlers to be in Gaza at that point.

Mr. Peres' comments followed a warning by a British peer that an unarmed civilian uprising on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Lord Winchilsea, a member of

the middle-road Liberal Party, in a letter to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher explained the tension he experienced when he led a recent fact-fioding visit to the occupied territories with other senior members of his party.

He said there could be a "human catastrophe" that would dwarf the massacres of Palestinian refugees in the Sahra and Shatila camps in Lehanon in September 1982.

# France launches crackdown on Iranian rebel movement

police arrested several dozen Ira- hostages. nian exiles on Monday in a crackdown on Iranian opposition fol-lowing the release of two French hostages by a pro-Tehran group

The Interior Ministry said the Iranians were members of the opposition Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, and would be expelled for carrying out "militant actions which threaten public order. It did not specify the exact number in-

France is set to improve ties with Iran after the release of hostages Roger Augue and Jean-Louis Normandin in Beirut last month. This was swiftly followed hy the resolution of a five-month diplomatic crisis hetween Paris and Tehran.

Iran denied having any role in the release of Mr. Normandin and Auque but said if France wanted to continue improving relations it would have to crack down on the Iranian opposition in France and repay promptly a \$1 billion loan, part of which was repaid last year just before another French hostage was let

French officials said recently that at least another portion of the loan — made in 1975 by the Shah of Iran for a uranium enrichment project — could be repaid soon if negotiations went

PARIS (Agencies) - French was being paid in exchange for

Mujahedeen spokesman Behzad Naziri Monday said all those detained hy the French authorities were political refugees with their papers in order. He said among them were elderly people with heart conditions. This concerns the hargaining

which is going on now." Nazin said in reference to allegations that France is bartering with Iran following the release of the two hostages. "The French government is paying a heavy ransom to the Khomeini regime.

The regime of Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini admits to having influence over pro-Iranian Lebanese groups holding foreign hostages, including two French diplomats and a French jour-

In June 1980. France expelled Muiahedeen leader Massoud Rajavi to fulfil one of three conditions set by Iran for normalisation of relations with Khomeini's Islamic Republic. Two weeks later, two French hostages were freed. Mr. Rajavi installed his new

headquarters in Baghdad. The Mujahedeen are considered the most threatening of the numerous opposition groups. Traditionally armed guerrillas, they have set up a National Liberauon Army (NLA) that claims

successful attacks against Iranian well. But they denied that money forces in northwestern Iran.

# Gulf experts see little Moscow warns Israel against attacking Syria chance of saving

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A Lebanese newspaper said on Monday the Soviet Union had warned Israel against attacking Syria to avenge last month's hang-glider raid into Israel by a pro-Syrian Palestinian group.

An Nahar daily, quoting Arab porting the group and is expected sources, said the warning was ambassador in Israel.

After the guerrilla attack, the Soviet Union has warned Israel through the Romanian amhassador there against launching any aggression on Syria." the sources were quoted as saving.

On Nov. 25. six Israeli soldiers were killed and eight wounded by a lone guerrilla of the Popular tine-General Command (PFLPnorth Israel, having flown from South Lehanon.

He was shot dead. A second guerrilla was killed hy Israeli troops near his glider in southern Lebanon hours later.

Israel has accused Syria of sup-

to avenge the raid, the most sent through the Romanian deadly into the Jewish state in nearly 10 years.

Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, on Thursday predicted Israeli retaliation, saying it might larget some Syrian bases located near Palestinian and Lehanese

Earlier reports in the Washington Post and the Kuwaiti news-Front for the Liberation of Pales- paper Al Rai Al Aam had claimed that the United States GC1 who landed his motorised a had also warned Israel against nang glider at an army camp in vetaliatory action for the hangglider attack.

The newspapers said Washington was concerned that an Israeli retaliation could sahotage this week's summit meeting hetween Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev and U.S. President Ronald er summit,

Israel will resist superpower pressure against responding to the Palestinian attack, a governmeot official said Monday.

"Israel's position is that when it decides whether or not to act, it does so from its own security and military considerations, not from pressure or appeals," the official told the Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

He refused direct comment on foreign news reports that the United States and Soviet Union had asked Israel not to take any military action that would increase Middle East tension during this week's superpower summit in Washington.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in a speech last week that those responsible "will not go unpunished.

An Israeli official said privately it was understandable that Western countries wanted to avert any Israeli action that could poison the atmosphere at the superpow-

The sources said Iranian Revolutionary Guards had probably managed to pierce the hull of the Singaporean tanker when they bombarded it with rocket-propelled grenades (RPG) on Sunday.

helped the crew to abandon ship and there were no casualties. Earlier on Sunday, one crewman was killed when an Iranian gunhoat sprayed at least six RPG at the 47,650-tonne Danish-flag Estelle Maersk as it sailed

Many Soviet Jews are benefitfear that demonstrations against

"These protests against Gor-hachev," said an elderly Soviet Jewish woman flying to visit relatives in the United States late last week, "they could only compli-

Israeli citizenship to people born to a Jewish mother or those who

pledged to reintroduce it.

The tanker attacks apparently responded to Iraqi air raids last week on tankers exporting Iran's

#### Tanker captains use imagination to trick Iran By James Foley Tehran's Gulf war enemy, Iraq. "Recently an American convoy

DUBAI — In the dangerous 550-mile waterway of the Gulf, wily tanker captains use an imaginative inventory of tricks to dodge attacks by Iran, from masquerading as "unsuitable targets" to faking protective convoy forma-

But the deception can hoomerang, according to regional shipping sources, with discovery hringing swift response hy the watchful Iranians.

"The Iranian Navy would actually hunt for the ship which, completely contrary to its aims, would have turned itself into a target," said one shipping source. "It just makes them more angry

It happened just recently to a Kuwaiti oil tanker that tried to pass itself off as Romanian.

The likelihood of attack for some ships has increased since the United States and other countries started protecting their own merchant shipping or, in the case of U.S. warships, reregistered Kuwaiti tankers flying the Amer-

Some 80 foreign warships are in the Gulf region on escort, supply or minesweeping operations. Kuwaiti ships have been commanders which vessels are particular targets of Iran hecause under their protection and which of their government's support for are not.

Neither the Iranian Navy, Bandar Abhas, nor the Revolutionary Guards in small speedhoats based on Gulf islands. attack ships under military escort.

"So in effect the American, Soviet, British, French and Itanational merchant ships, are increasing the likelihood of attack on those vessels which are not escorted." the source said.

'The pool of ships liable to attack is made smaller so their captains have to scramble to try to fend off the attention of the Iranians.

Radio silence is standard procedure, so Iran's radio monitors cannot pinpoint their position as the ships try to slip safely through the seaway.

If they have to talk to their agents on the Gulf Arah coast, the radio operators use predetermined and frequently-changed codes to mask their identity.

One ploy used by the tanker captains to dodge attack is to tag on to passing convoys of escorted ships, hoping the presence of warships will give them cover.

But the Iranian Navy, which checks unescorted ships in and out of the Gulf, asks the convoy

told an interrogating Iranian frioperating from land bases such as gate that a Japanese tanker tagged on was not under its protection," said a source.

"But the convoy commander warned the frigate that any action taken against the Japanese ship would jeopardise American veslian navies, by guarding their sels because of its close proximity to the convoy.

The U.S. Navy, by law, can protect only ships flying the Stars and Stripes.

Other merchant ships' captains cooperate in another ploy - sailing together in groups, usually in single line, to give the impression on radar they are a convoy under military escort.

Or they "dodge" from onewarship to another up and down the Gulf, hoping the military vessels proximity will deter attack. The Iranian Navy checks ships

to prevent war material from reaching Iraq hut ignores escorted ships from the Soviet Union and France, Baghdad's chief arms suppliers.

Revolutionary Guards carry out most of Iran's attacks on tankers, hased on a policy of one-for-one retaliation for Iraqi attacks on Iranian ships.

In waters where more than 400 ships have been hit since the 'tanker war' began in May 1981, even legally duhious dodges are seen as worth chancing by some

captains.
Some have falsified the name and port of their vessel, adopting a nationality which they believe will make them less liable to be a

On Nov. 26 an Iranian frigate pumped some 20 mm shells into the \$6,094-tonne Kuwaiti tanker Umm Al Jathatheel, whose crew had painted out its name and adopted the identity of the Romanian tanker Dacia. The real Dacia was docked in Romania.

in the event, the Umm Al Jathatheel was harely scratched and continued its way to Italy. Shipping sources said a tanker sailing under a false name was hreaking international maritime

The owners of the Umm Al Jathatheel, the Kuwait Oil Tank-er Company (KOTC), said it had not instructed the captain to pose as the Dacia.

But KOTC Chairman Abdul Fattah Al Bader said the company took full responsibility for any action of its captain or crew.

The sources said the fake-name practice was not believed to be widespread. One said he knew of two other ships which had sailed the Gulf under a false name during the past year.

First, since it's illegal, sailing under a false name and country of registration could affect the insurance cover of the ship.

# TASS condemns protests against Soviet Jewish emigration policy

MOSCOW (R1 — The Soviet News Agency TASS on Monday accused the organisers of protests against Moscow's Jewish emigration policy on the eve of the Soviet-U.S. summit of trying to smear the Soviet Union in the eyes of Americans.

TASS said speeches accusing Moscow of anti-semitism at a demonstration by 200,000 protesters on Sunday in Washington were "monstrous for their unfairness" and grossly distorted A protest the same day in Moscow by about 70 Soviet Jews

demonstrators. Rallies in Britain sought to hring attention to the plight of Soviet Jews. Reporters who tried to reach a

was drowned by official "peace"

reported second protest in Mos- free emigration for Soviet Jews. cow on Monday found streets

blocked by security officials. "The aim of the Sunday action

is to try to smear in the eyes of Americans the Soviet Union and its government, to try to stop the positive changes in the attitude of U.S. public opinion to the Soviet Union," TASS said.

TASS said it was no surprise that the Washington protest was welcomed by the White House. President Reagan, who starts talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev in Washington on Tuesday, sent a message of support to the rally.

TASS accused Vice-President George Bush, who addressed the demonstration. of making an anti-Soviet statement. Mr. Bush called on Mr. Gorhachev to allow

hut thousands, tens of thousands," Mr. Bush said.

A second TASS commentary accused the United States of seeking to use what it called unscrupulous propaganda tricks to divert attention from U.S. human rights violations.

ting from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev's reform drive and Soviet policy, such as Sunday's massive protest in Washington, could harm their new-found

"Let's see not five or six or 10 cate life for us."

"The Iranians are using new tactics against vessels. They have heen fooling around, but every year come December they get hot," said another shipping source. Iranian forces launched a ma-

city of Basra.

jor drive towards Basra in late December last year but were halted in February and have since been dug in about 20 kilometres from the city's outskirts.

burning ship

BAHRAIN (R) — Fire aboard a

Singaporean tanker, attacked by

Iran at the mouth of the Gulf,

was still out of control on Mon-

day and regional shipping sources

said there seemed little chance of

Crewmen on five fire-fighting

tugs watched helplessly as flames

roared the entire length of the

85.129-tonne Norman Atlantic.

victim of an Iranian gunhoat raid in the Strait of Hormuz on

Shipping sources said there had

been several explosions in the

ship's highly inflammable cargo

of Kuwaiti naphtha hui the tugs

were unable to approach because

"She's in pretty had shape. I think she will sink," one source

said. "She's listing 45 degrees to

"If the Norman Atlantic is lost,

it will he the first time the Ira-

nians have managed to destroy a

Omani coastguard launches

with a full load of Saudi crude off

Shipping sources said the raids

were part of a new assault on

Gulf shipping, timed to coincide

with an expected major Iranian

ground offensive in the war

against Iraq. Ahout 250,000 Iranian troops

are reported massed on the

southern front for an expected

new offensive against the Iraqi

the flames were too hot.

saving the ship.

Sunday.

starhoard.

Some military experts said they thought Iran might launch its assault during this week's superpower summit between President Reagan and Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorhachev.

# Kuwait urges superpowers to end Gulf war

KUWAIT (AP) - The Emir of closest to the warfront, has suf-Kuwait, Sheikh Jaher Al Ahmad Al Sabah, on Monday urged U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev to take "positive steps" at their summit to bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end.

In a message to the two leaders, a copy of which was released in Kuwait, Sheikh Jaher noted that both countries had endorsed U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 which called for a ceasefire in the 7-year-old war.

"We hope that you will take positive steps in this context to hring this destructive war to an end in order to spare the lives and resources it is consuming and prevent its expansion," said the ruler of Kuwait.

Kuwait, the Gulf country tives.'

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

deciding on his deportation.

fered from the spillovers of the war. On Monday an Iranian missile splashed in the waters off Kuwait's southern coast. At least six other projectiles had hit Kuwait land and its territorial waters in September and October.

Tehran accuses Kuwait of aiding Iraq's military effort. But Kuwait has repeatedly denied the charge.

Sheikh Jaber, in his capacity as chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), appealed to Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev to help restore peace to the Gulf region "whose people lived for centuries without harbouring any regional amhitions or expansionist objec-

"The world is awaiting steps to follow the elimination of the medium range nuclear missiles in Europe, hoping that international and regional issues of the humanitarian nature will receive due attention from your summit talks," Sheikh Jaber told the two leaders. He added: "As you embark on

a new stage of dialogue hetween the two superpowers, we hope that you will remember international and regional issues which preoccupy the thinking of millions of people in our contempor-ary world."

Aside from the Gulf war, Sheikh Jaber urged the two leaders to also discuss the Palestinian problem and conflicts in Lehanon, Afghanistan and Namibia.

# factions clash in Shatila, 18 injured BEIRUT (R) - Rival Palesti-

Palestinian

nian factions traded machinegun fire overnight at Beirut's sprawling Shatila refugee camp, injuring at least 18 people, a Palestinian spokesman said on Monday. The clashes erupted on Sunday

night between commandos backed hy Syria and others loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has a major influence in Lehanon's refugee camps.

It was the second round of fighting between the two factions since Syrian troops deployed at Shatila in April and a fresh blow

wounded in the assault, including \_\_\_\_ an official of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC).

# U.S. Jews seek greater voice in Israel FEL AVIV (AP) — The 31st Judaism's Reform Movement in

major Jewish organisations controlled by the Israeli political establishment.

year, also said they wanted Israeli the concerns of diaspora Jews.

leaders to pay more attention to long as we're useful, and then cast us aside." delegate Rabhi

Alexander Schindler, head of

Zionist congress opened Sunday the United States, told the amid demands by U.S. delegates Associated Press. "We should that they be given greater say in have a voice and the Israelis should hear that voice, frankly and freely."

American delegates, who raise such demands, Foreign Minister millions of dollars for Israel every and Lahour Party leader Shimon Peres told the 700 delegates his party would oppose changes in the so-called law of return - an "You can't use us as tools as issue that caused a deep rift between Israeli leaders and American Jews.

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Peres was met by loud applause when he said Sunday the Lahour Party was willing to "take the law of return off the political agenda for the next 10 years. This is an American dictate we are prepared to accept.'

West Bank and Gaza. "I said to Shamir I hope we could solve this situation and I would be able to stay and live as I choose and I am willing to help work for a peaceful resolution him.

TEL AVIV (R) — Muharak without the killing of any indi-Awad, a Palestinian-American vidual in this conflict." Mr. activist defended by Washington Awad, 44, told Reuters. against Israeli expulsion, asked

office said the prime minister had yet to receive the letter.

on Monday to meet him hefore The case has received wide-Mr. Awad, a Jerusalem-born spread attention, especially in the U.S. citizen, said he wrote to United States where the Reagan Shamir offering to explain how his Palestinian Centre for the Awad as a moderating influence Study of Non-Violence sought to whose expulsion would be reend Israeli occupation of the grettable.

His centre supports non-cooperation with Israeli authorities. hut Shamir accused him of working with terror organisations and hinted he would decide to deport

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press ourselves against this A spokesman for Shamir's occupation? I'm not accepting violence, and if non-violence is not accepted, what means do we have?" Mr. Awad said he wrote to Shamir in the letter. Mr. Awad said he wrote that

administration described Mr. he supported the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as did most Palestinians living under Israeli rule hut that he was not the PLO itself. Last May, Israel revoked Mr.

Awad's residency permit on grounds that he had taken Amer-

#### the Shi'ite Amal militia and the Palestinians in which hundreds of people were killed. Sunday night's 30-minute clash was triggered when a gunman hurled a hand grenade at the

Arafat commandos were meeting, the spokesman said. He said at least 12 people were

The incident escalated later into an exchange of machine gun-

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**EXHIBITIONS** 

☆ "Documenta" — an exhibition at the Goethe Institute Juntil Dec. 23)

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# Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim counrics and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-ah, Jabal Luwelbdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. • 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

# SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2.00

p.m. Royal Automobile Cinh. Jabal Am-man. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. **CHURCHES** 

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# ower House endorses 1987 budget supplement

Staff Reporter

MMAN — The Lower House i Parliament on Monday enarsed by a majority vote a JD 1.4 million supplement to the 187 budget, but only after an nensive debate among deputies n the need to curb public spendig and after securing a governtent pledge to control such

Although Prime Minister Zaid ifai told the House, the Cabinet ad agreed to the House's preious calls for the need to narrow OWN the deficit, he said the overnment could not lower its

pending.
"We cannot take any measures o reduce our spending. But, we re taking steps to control public pending through chancelling it the right direction for the enefit of the citizens and the arional economy," the prime

Mr. Rifai said the total deficit the two supplements to the 1986 nd 1987 budgets stood at JD 05.4 million and not at JD 420 ullion, as suggested by Amman Deputy Leith Shbeilat. The 1987 udget stood at JD 1.019 billion rith a deficit of JD 39.6 million. The prime minister also indiated that Jordan's accumulated ebt was JD 259.7 million and not D 500 million, as put by Mr.

He expressed hope that the tiOlly rab states would meet their nancial commitments to Jordan. Maliet light of the successful conclu-on of the Nov. 8-11 extraordinry Arab summit held in Amman. He gave no figure on the overue commitments which were to e paid to Jordan by Arab counnes in line with pledges made at ne 1978 Baghdad summit to suport the steadfastness of frontline lates. Mr. Rifai indicated that . iese overdues "exceeded Jorran's accumulated deficit many -mes over.

Four months ago. Parliament pproved a JD 141 million spendig beyond the 1986 budget but ter legislators were promised by ie government that it would not sort to issuing supplements ithout prior approval by the mate and Lower House. This impromise ended a dispute beeen the government and lawakers since any spending that receded allocations made in -ach fiscal budget should have rior approval by the two

Mr. Rifai said then that the JD 11 million supplement did not ipresent expenditures made in 986 as such, but were also an xumulation of spending done etween 1972 and 1985. The JD 61.4 million supple-

deficit. It provided a breakdown only reveals the insistence on of the total figure under the increasing expenditure through following provisions; JD loans and piling up the national 26,035,300 (recurrent expendi- debt beyond bearable boundture), JD 23,101,500 (capital expenditure), and JD 12,208,000 Mr. (development expenditure) that is financed through loans and aid

However, Mr. Rifai explained that the projected deficit for 1987 was JD 88.7 million — JD 39.6 million as expected in the 1987 budget plus the deficit in the supplement — JD 49.1 million.

No details were available on projects which benefitted from the spending envisaged by this supplement. But discussions among deputies revealed that JD 12,208,000 was spent by the government for the purchase of the Queen Alia Hospital, and another JD 35,916 million went for financing a project to build the Azraq-Al Jafr highway.

In addition to endorsing the supplementary budget daft law. the House referred to its financial committee the JD 1.075 billion draft budget for 1988 and endorsed a number of laws covering military servicemen, the Jordan Economic and Social Organisation for retired servicemen and

The House Financial Committee, which studied the 1987 supplement, made several remarks, one of which said that "a number of items included in the supplemeni were not that urgent and could have been delayed to become part of the 1988 budget."

Although the committee said it was well-aware that Jordan's revenues from local and international sources were limited, it reiterated previous calls to control public spending, in general. and current expenditures, in particular, and to improve the means of collecting local revenues and lowering the budgeted deficits.

Deputies Shbeilat, Riyad Al Nawaisah (Karak) and Abdullah Al Akaileh (Tafileh), who are members of the House Financial Committee, made a number of reservations on the committee's decisions regarding the supple-ment. Mr. Ahmad Kofahi (Irbid) said he agreed with Dr. Akaileh's reservations over the necessity of including the Azraq-Jafr highway in the supplement. Describing the supplements issued with such large amounts as "an unbealthy phenomena," Mr. Kofahi called for cancelling this project and channelling the money into decreasing the general public debi and creating new jobs for Jordan's unemployed citizens. He said there were other roads that could act as a substitute for this projected highway.

Moreover, Dr. Nawaisah said

Mr. Shbeilat, who termed as "dangerous" the process of financing the projected deficit through direct loans to the treasury, as opposed to increasing savings and exports, called on the government to commit itself not to issue any future budgets based on projected deficits.

Dr. Nawaisah said he believed that '90 per cent of expenditures included in the supplement" fall short of being categorised as urgent spending.

Mr. Rifai explained to Deputy Shbeilat that the entire budgetting process was based on "estimates of both the revenues and expenditures.

Mr. Rifai questioned what Mr. Shbeilat's suggested measure should the amount of direct taxes fall below the expected level: Would you suggest raising the direct taxes to meet the budget's projected figures? Or would you suggest increasing duty customs at a time when the consumer, the citizen and the producer are urging the government to ease the tax burdens? Or would you suggest the halting of all developmental projects, eventually leading to an economic recession and adding more financial burdens to the treasury due to a decline in incoming revenues?"

The prime minister said it was easy to prepare a budget under the slogan "a budget without deficit." but added that due to various considerations, the deficit was there to stay.

Despite all of these conditions. we have maintained the stability of prices. lowered the deficit in the balance of trade by decreasing imports and increasing exports, have maintained our revenues derived from local taxes and have supported the local production sector," he said.

Reiterating Jordan's economic and financial policies, Mr. Rifai said the government was adopting constant méasures to improve the process of collecting local revenues without adding any new financial burdens on the citizens, or on the economic sectors. "All our policies aim at revitalising the economic activities, which, in turn, would improve local revenues." the prime minister stressed. He said the government managed to cover 91 per cent of its 1987 current expenditures from local revenues and expected the ratio to increase to 96 per cent during 1988. "Our aim is to cover all our current expenditures from

local revenues," he said. Mr. Rifai explained that public

spending was important for increasing the gross domestic product (GDP), and for maintaining the Kingdom's financial commit-

On capital expenditure covered by Arab aid programmes and local as well as foreign loans, Mr. Rifai explained that aid given to Jordan from the Arab states "was sometimes affected by the economic conditions in the donor countries. Hence, we sometimes resort to national and foreign borrowing to execute important programmes aimed at improving

ments to local and international

However, Mr. Rifai indicated that the government was adhering to certain fiscal policies to lower Jordan's national debt. Under this arrangement, the government is repaying its general public debt by amounts that ex-

the quality of life for Jorda-

ceed any new borrowing. Another problem, the prime minister noted, was unbalanced ienor between the date of collecting local revenues, such as taxes and other fees, and the time of the actual spending. Hence, the government is forced to resort to short-term borrowing to meet these commitments, which, in turn, renders new interests that cannot be evaluated in the draft budget.

Responding to remarks made Dr. Akaileh on a contract which was awarded to a coalition of two Indian construction companies for work on a 180kilometre section of the new Azraq-Jafer highway linking Jordan and Iraq. Mr. Rifai said the award was given to the two companies upon the request of the Indian government. He told Dr. Akaileh that a parallel offer made by another Indian company could not be considered as official since it was in the form of a letter to the Ministry of Public Works and came immediately after the contract was signed,

The contract was signed earlier this year, and work has already started on the stretch.

Dr. Akaileh expressed reservations over the choice of an offer which he said was at least \$30 million higher than the offer made by the other company. Mr. Rifai corrected the figure, saying the difference between the offer given by the Indian coalition company and the other was JD 3 million (\$10 million) and not \$30

The coalition company will build the road from reinforced concrete blocks — a technique which will utilise around 4.1 milby the ailing Jordan South Ce- Thermal Power Station.

ment factory at a cost of nearly JD 8.5 million.

The prime minister said that the balance of trade between Jordan and India was in favour of the Kingdom, with India importing Jordanian potash, phosphates and fertilisers worth more than \$100 million. He said that in addition to maintaining the level of imports of Jordanian potash, fertilisers and phosphates, India would increase its imports of these three minerals to a level equal to 30 per cent of the contract's total value.

Mr. Rifai explained that the Indian government asked Jordan to award construction contract to Indian companies to be named by the cabinet in New Delhi in view of the fact that Jordan was unable 10 import more Indian goods as a means to correct the imbalance in bilateral trade relations. Since India was a main market

for Jordanian products and the government is keen on maintaining that, Jordan agreed to the Indian government's request to award the contract to a coalition of two Indian companies, according to the prime minister,

The price of the contract, Mr. Rifai said, was near the estimated cost made by Jordanian officials from the Ministry of Public Works and hased on the specifications of major Jordanian highways. Following negotiations between the two sides, the Indian coalition agreed to lower its initial demand for the road's construction from JD 38.5 million to JD 35.916 million.

Dr. Akailah stated another reservation over a \$60 million loan entered between the government and Banco de Brazil for the purchase of vehicles for the Public Security Department and said "such purchases were not on the list of our urgent priorities in such difficult financial situation."

Mr. Rifai pointed out that the correct figure for the loan is \$46 million and not \$60 million, as suggested by the Tafileh deputy. He said that Mr. Akaileh's remarks represented his "personal view" and not the official view which decides on the security forces' need for vehicles, equipment and machinery.

The session also ratified two loan agreements between the government of Jordan and the Saudi Fund for Development and the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Socioeconomic Development, respectively. The former loan will be used for financing part of the Faculty of Sciences at the Jordan University of Sciences and Technology and the latter will be used lion tonnes of cement produced to fund phase two of the Aqaba

# Hamzeh calls for pressure on Israel to license building of Arab hospital in Jerusalem

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh on Monday called on the European Community members and other friendly countries to pressure Israel into licensing the first Arab hospital in Jerusalem since its occupation in 1967.

Dr. Hamzeh said that preparations for the establishment of the Arab Jerusalem Hospital are ready and that JD 50,000 from Jordan and \$150,000 from the World Health Organisation (WHO) have been allocated as initial instalments for building the hospital. "Why are the Israeli authorities taking so much time when the money and personnel are ours!" the minister asked.

Dr. Hamzeh said that during the WHO conference in Geneva last May, he approached the friendly delegations on this issue. and a Vatican representative spoke to the Israeli representalive at the conference.

"The Israelis did not answer the Vatican representative but said that they will try to ease the way for the licence. This was six months ago, and the occupying authorities are still refusing to license the Arab hospital." the minister added.

Addressing a group of journalsts at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Hamzeh said that the Council of Arab Health ministers decided to fund the project on a yearly hasis, and that the Islamic summit in Kuwait supported the hospital's establishment.

The minister said that Jerusalem has not had an Arab hospital since the closure of the Hospice Hospital by the Israeli authorities two years ago. The hospital was turned into an Israeli police station.

Dr. Hamzeh was not the only person lobbying for pressure on the Israelis to permit the building of the hospital. Dr. Yasser Obeid, the health director in Jerusalem, who is in Amman

along with other health directors from the West Bank, told the Jordan Times that he has lobbied

for the license since January. He said he has approached not only high-ranking Israeli officials in the Knesser and government. but also U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, the U.S. ambassador to Israel, the U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare, and former U.S. president Jimmy Carter - all to no avail.

"The Israelis want to see that the Jordanian government is really serious about building this general hospital," he added. Dr. Obeid said that if international pressure does not work, he will resort to hiring a public relations firm to help obtain the licence.

Dr. Obeid explained that the hospital will have 150 beds and will cater to Palestinians who cannot afford medical treatment at private hospitals. He said that among the 150,000 Arabs living in Jerusalem, 70 per cent are not medically insured and 50 per cent cannot aftord private treatment. Therefore, 35 per cent of the Arab population in Jerusalem are uninsured and cannot afford private treatment," Dr. Obeid concluded.

Dr. Obeid also said that when the former Israeli health minister closed the Hospice Hospital, he promised to issue 10,000 insurance cards to Arabs; but none were issued. Dr. Obeid noted that several patients actually died because they were uninsured and could not afford proper treatment.

Dr. Hamzeh outlined some of the decisions that were reached

during his discussion with West Bank health directors on Sunday. He said that the Health Ministry would grant West Bankers on scholarships to specialise in medical fields which are lacking in the occupied territories, "We will treat the West Bank doctors in the occupied territories in the exact same manner as those in the East Bank and will support them through the welfare societies there," the minister stressed.

Dr. Hamzeh also announced that four health centres, all of which will provide mother and child care services, will open in Hebron, Tulkarem, Nablus and Jenin, in coordination with the local welfare societies.

The minister also said that, for the first time, dispensing of medicine in Jerusalem will occur in the same manner as in the East Bank to those who are medically in-

Referring to health centres in the occupied territories, Dr. Obeid said that UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fundi had opened three centres in the West Bank and one in Gaza three years ago, and that the organisation's role in running the centres will end soon. Dr. Obeid said that the Israelis were expected to take charge of the centres after UN-ICEF's withdrawal, but they claimed there were no funds available to continue running them. Therefore, the Jordanian government has decided to conlinue the support of the four health centres at a budget of \$300,000 annually, Dr. Obeid

Dr. Hamzeh had earlier explained that Jordan does not want to absolve Israel of its responsibility towards the Arabs in the occupied territories by supporting health services there. "But we must help our brethren living under occupation in developing their health facilities, as a way to support for their steadfastness, the minister concluded.

### Kanaan emphasises need for plan on informatics AMMAN (Petra) - A regional started to organise information at Therefore, national strategies in

seminar on national strategies for a national level and within a individual Arab states should informatics was opened on Mon-day at the Royal Scientific Socie-the data bank, which has won and essence," Dr. Kanaan said. ty (RSS) by Minister of Planning government approval. Taber Kanaan.

In his opening address, Dr. Kanaan said that Arab society, which seeks modernisation and the implementation of economic and social development schemes, ought to adopt proper strategies based on accurate data and modern technology.

"In Jordan, we have already

minister said. "This system." he continued, "is designed to provide information to planners, decision-makers and researchers at all levels.'

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ng part in the three-day meeting are delegates from Syria, Iraq. Kuwait, North Yemen, Lebanon, Libya, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt. Sudan and Jordan, in addition to representatives of a "A strategic plan on informa- number of Arab and internationtics is of extreme significance and al organisations, including the should be regarded as a national Arab League and the Economic duty, closely connected with the and Social Commission of West-

# **urging** coordination mong Muslim states

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

MMAN — A high-powered roup of economists and scienists on Monday urged the Islamic tates to work jointly to achieve a astainable food security in the Auslim World.

The call followed the conclu-

on of a three-day meeting held ere by the Islamic Academy of ciences which was formed earer this year by the Organisation f Islamic Conference (OIC): The participants in the meetig which was held at the Plaza lotel, also called upon the Islatic decision-makers to promote olicies and institutional mechansans to facilitate integration and oordination to eliminate food hortages in the Muslim World. The calls were contained in "a eclaration of action" addressed the leaders of the Muslim ates and which included the articipants' final conclusions on

10 issue of food security. The

articipants expressed hope that

be decision-makers would heed

te major points outlined in the

The participants also expressed the view that the meeting constituted the first of its kind towards developing a joint Islamic strategy to confront the scientific and technological challenges.

During the deliberations the participants concluded that the low level of coordination among Muslim governments, combined with weak trade and scientific exchange have worked together to further deteriorate the food security situation in the Muslim

Moreover, the participants noted that lack of awareness ahout the seriousness of the situation, along with inadequate utilisation of available resources and poor incentives for food producers and farmers, have contributed to tragedies caused by food shortages and famine in the Islamic countries. Therefore the meeting called on decision makers and planners to formulate a strategy for food security in the Muslim World. They appealed to Muslim states to mobilise the necessary human, scientific and financial resources to maximise food pro-

# Food security panel ends, Dudin condemns Israeli measure to limit Arab electricity firm's concession

By Sa'ad G. Hattar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin on Monday denounced an Israeli measure aimed at depriving the Jerusalem District Électricity Company (JDEC) of part of its concession area in the occupied territories. The minister said Jordan, however, "can do little to block" the Israeli authorities' decision which, he said, is ultimately designed to force a de facto closure of the Arab firm.

"Although Jordan is a legitimate authority on the West Bank, it is, practically, away from the scene in the occupied territories." the minister told the Jordan

Reports coming from the West Bank on Monday said that the Israeli occupation authorities have already disconnected Jewisb settlements in Jerusalem from the JDEC, linking them to the power grid supplied by the Israel Elec-

tric Corporation (IEC). the switchover, which was carried out under police guard, came inree weeks in advance of the expiration of the JDEC's 30 year

new concession for only 12 years. provided it is reduced to exclude Jewish settlements and army

The company's workers have charged that the disconnections were meant to intimidate the company into accepting the new concession terms, which would threaten the existence of the financially-troubled company. Sources on the JDEC board

said that the disconnections were illegal and imposed by force. Reuters quoted the sources as saying that the board was meeting to issue a statement that would reject Israeli offers of a new concession lasting until the year 2000. Approximately 500 JDEC staff now risk being laid off should the Israeli measure be implemented.

the company's officials not to bow to Israeli pressures aimed at imposing the new concession terms, since they entailed a political gain" for the Jewish state.

Mr. Dudin said that "we asked

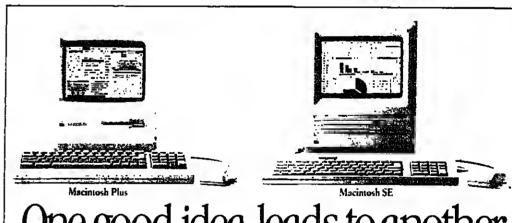
The company's acting chairman of the board, Hanna Nasser, was quoted as saying. "It is up to ministry of energy from doing that in our concession area" said Mr. Nasser, who held talks on this matter with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai in Amman on Nov. 20.

In a recent interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Nasser said Mr. Rifai had promised to help offset JDEC debts of approximately \$8.5 million, but urged the company to seek the renewal of the 30-year contract with the Israeli Electricity Company and increase its profit margin of 15

Mr. Nasser, however, maintained that "any financial support to the JDEC by the Kingdom will not bear fruit as long as the concession contract is not renewed under the same terms."

The current contract, which was granted in 1957 by the Jordaniao government, is based on a concession given to the company 99 years ago by the Ottoman authorities.

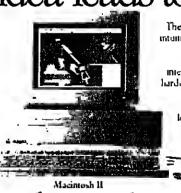
In his interview on Monday, Mr. Dudin said Jordan has continuously supported the company by funnelling approximately \$35 million in aid to help improve its the (Israeli) ministry of energy to financial situation. The Kingdom do whatever it wants, whatever it has maintained its assistance



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# W. German envoy to honour new director of Goethe Institute

MMAN (J.T.) — West German imbassador to Jordan Herwig lartels hosts a reception tonight honour of the newly-appointed frector of the Goethe Institute in imman, Heinrich Reinstrom.

Mr. Reinstrom has represented he West German cultural centres n Beirut, Cairo, Caracas, Casabanca and Damascus. He has also erved at the Goethe Institutes in Arolsen, Bad Reichenball, Blaubeuren, Marnau and Rotten-

According to a press release

issued by the Goethe Institute in Amman, Mr. Reinstrom expressed happiness upon returning to Jordan. He said that he intended to work with his staff towards deepening and enhancing cultural and scientific relations between Jordan and West Germany.

Mr. Reinstrom pledged that, together with bis staff,"we will do our best to meet your expectations and, thus, contribute effectively to the friendship between our countries.'

#### likes." "We are now going to since the Israeli occupation of the concession and in the wake of a Knesset bill to issue the JDEC a seek all possibilities to stop the Arab territories, he said. WHO conference urges information

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh on Monday called for the creation of a regional water information network to ensure the supply of fresh drinking water and lessen the damage wastewater causes to the environ-

ment. The minister's speech was delivered by the Under-Secretary of graded to top priority in developthe Ministry of Health Suleiman mental planning because of the

Subeihi at the opening of a World Health Organisation (WHO) regional conference on information exchange in water supply and treatment.

Dr. Hamzeh emphasised the importance of the stored information in the provision of clear. fresh drinking water in a complex, developing, urban society. Environmental bealth and drinking water have been up-

exchange on water supply, treatment population increase, particularly in urban areas, industrial and agricultural growth and the public's heightened social and cultural awareness, which has led to increased water consumption,"

Dr. Hamzeb asserted that "Jordan, following His Majesty King Hussein's motto that 'Man is our most valuable asset, has done its utmost to improve general health, environmental health and to ensure the supply of fresh drinking water.'

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# Don't fail us now

THE missile that landed in Kuwaiti territorial waters on Monday can be seen as nothing hut a hlatant sign of Iran's defiance of regional and international calls for peace in the Gulf and an effort on the part of Tehran to send a message to the superpower summit in Washington that the Iranians hold the upper hand in determining security and stability in the Gulf. Obviously, Iran sought to use this move as a resounding reminder of its potential to threaten the non-belligerent Arab states in the region, if only because of its proximity to the Gulf countries, and to push the superpowers towards Tehran's version of a solution to the seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war. This gesture, according to the thinking of Iran's revolutionary leaders, will convey to the superpowers and to the rest of the world that Tehran halds all the cards and it is up to the ayatollahs to decide whether to accept peace or to continue their policy of aggression in the region.

However, there is no avenue for superpower action other than towards putting an end to the Iranian defiance of Arab, reginnal and international efforts to find a just and honourable solution to the festering Gulf war. It has already heen made clear to Iran that the superpowers could not easily be swayed towards Tehran's own recipe for settling the conflict. The U.S. stand is well-knnwn; And the clearest sign yet of the Soviet attitude, which Washington describes as shielding the Iranians, came when Soviet President Andrei Gromyko accused Tehran on Saturday of doing little to end the bloody war and advised the Iranian leadership to accept a political solution.

By the same token, we cannot but hope that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who meets U.S. President Ronald Reagan today in Washington, will carry the same view to the summit and seek to come up with a decisive and firm joint stand with the U.S. towards putting an end to the war, which threatens not only the Arab states in the immediate vicinity of the conflict, but world peace and security, as well, since it is clear that Iran's expansionist goals are not limited to the Gulf or Middle East reginns.

Here, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev, you have one of the most serious challenges before you and it is our bope that you will not fail all those who bave pinned great hopes on your

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# Al Ra'i: A plea to summit

AS the leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States begin their summit meeting in Washington many people ask: Will the two discuss human principles or just their mutual interests? No doubt the two leaders hold in their hands the fate of millions of people in the five continents, and so they should be responsible for all the sufferings and the agony of these people. Any success of the summit should be one that takes into consideration the principles of serving the world population. The two superpowers ought to sacrifice some of their own interests for the sake of achieving this noble goal and should give ample time in their discussions to the question of peace and security in a world which is witnessing numerous conflicts and wars. We do realise that the two world giants have their own problems and their disputes which must be overcome; but we also believe that Moscow and Washington should do something to end the Arab-Israeli conflict; the Iran-Iraq war and help end the crisis in Lehanon. They alone have the power to put an end to such problems in a just and equitable manner that would bring back stability and security to the Middle East. As the two leaders meet in Washington, we have hope that the discussion would turn to means of putting an end to the intransigence of Israel and Iran and contributing towards a settlement of the Middle East and the Gulf conflicts. We have hope that the two superpowers will stop encouraging these two parties from pursuing aggression.

# Al Dustour: Following on summit

KING Hussein's visit to Cairo and his talks with President Mubarak are considered part of the on-going coordination and consultation between the two sister Arab states to enhance the process of their solidarity and brotherly ties. The visit comes at the end of a successful meeting by the joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee which discussed further means of bolstering Egyptian-Jordanian coopera-tion in economic and social fields. The King had paid visits to Iraq and Syria before going to Egypt in a determined effort to enhance the march of solidarity and to bolsier the resolutions of the Amman summit meeting. It is clear that his talks with the leaders of the three countries aim at unifying the stands of the Arab World in the face of the common challenges vis-a-vis the Middle East and the Gulf issues. We attach great hopes to the King's meetings with other Arab leaders and hope that these contacts will yield very fruitful results. benefitting the whole Arab Nation. We hope that the spirit of the Amman summit will continue to prevail among Arah leaders and that the summit's resolutions will continue to guide their steps for the common good.

# Sawt Al Shaab: Hope against all odds

SOVIET-American summit talks opening in Washington Monday are aimed at signing a new treaty for curtailing the use of nuclear weapons that threaten the world. This treaty has been welcomed by the people of the world in general and the Arab masses in particular. The Arabs hope that the treaty will reduce tension between the two world giants and end the arms race on which enormous wealth is being sent every year. The Arabs look to this summit meeting as a new hope for the world and also as a new chance for the superpowers to discuss regional questions that have been endangering world security. The Arabs look to the superpowers for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict so that an end can be put to Israel's occupation of Arab land and its seizure of Arab territory for erecting settlements. Our region continues to witness a violation of human rights in the occupied territories and Israel's detention of innocent civilians and the eviction of Arab people from their homeland. We hope that the two leaders will discuss the Palestine question and the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which call for an end to Israel's occupation of Arab land. We also hope that the superpowers will find a formula for the implementation of Resolution 598 to bring peace to the Gulf region.

# Government presents draft budget to Parliament

Arab countries' were to meet foreign debts could be easily co- tries' budgets.

Arab summit held in Amman beginning. We are in dire need of been able to reduce these adverse such a new beginning, under effects to a minimum and at the these special and mysterious in- same time achieve positive ternational economic condi-

But he assured the House and Cabinet members that Jordan had succeeded in achieving "positive growth rates in the gross domestic product (GDP), stabilising local prices and maintaining a continuing decline in the balance of trade for the fourth consecutive year."

Dr. Odeh reiterated Jordan's commitments to strengthen its Armed Forces and security apparatus and continue support for the steadfastness of the people in the Israeli-occupied territories. Maintaining a sound and credible financial reputation remained a major objective of Jordan's economic and budget policies, the minister said.

The draft budget stipulated that the government would not issue any budget annexes unless there was an urgent need for extra funds. This issue had proved to be very controversial during the summer when the government issued an annex budget prior to obtaining parliament's

Dr. Odeh said that the government would continue to allocate an annual JD 10 million to support its \$1.4 hillion five-year development programme for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. This is the second year that the government allocated part of the East Bank budget to fund the programme for the occupied territories.

The government's economic policies as outlined in the budget also aim at achieving national development in accordance with the Kingdom's five-year develop-

Dr. Odeh disclosed a government plan to control public expenditure by increasing the gov-ernment, however will also subsidise them by JD 58 million in

The draft budget allocates funds for projects contained in ment Plan. Details of the amounts or projects were not

It also includes an allocation of JD 1.2 million "for technological and scientific pruposes" and a similar amount for "technical cooperation programme.

Dr. Odeh said that the government would pursue its policy of encouraging mergers of parallel and complementary companies in

the private and public sectors. Dr. Odeh also reiterated the government's commitment to enhancing the role of the private sector. The minister, however, urged the private sector to reorganise its institutions and to take the initiative in "in reactivating real investment in the national economy ... in order to increase the country's self-reliance sufficiency in the process of production and marketing."

The draft hudget stated that this year's reestimated local sources of income increased hy 5.8 per cent from JD 514.6 milion in 1986 to JD 549.7 million. This year's recurrent expenditures increased by 5.7 per cent from JD 571.8 million in 1986 to JD 604.5 million. Consequently. local revenues were able to cover 91 per cent of the recurrent expenditure, the minister noted.

The government hopes that ocal revenues will cover 97.7 per cent of the recurrent expenditures in 1988, Dr. Odeh said.

Following are major excerpts from Dr. Odeh's speech at the Lower House on Monday:

The consensus and accord achieved at the extraordinary Arab summit in Amman last month augurs well for the beginning of a new and strong Arab economic (strategy), much needed in the present difficult international circumstances.

Despite the positive developments in the rate of economic growth and international trade achieved at the beginning of 1987 the major events that influenced world financial markets lately point to a new series of negative developments which will bring about a slowing of economy in the industrialised and developing

nations alike. The difficult economic situation around the world left its negative influence on the economies of the Arah countries being developing states and exposed to major world economic events.

growth have been retreating and their obligations, the deficit as financial resources shrinking, re- government expects favourable well as the Kingdom's local and sulting deficits in the Arab coun-

Of course, Jordan is part of the achieve the aspired goals. In his speech Dr. Odeh said Arab World and therefore it is that the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary natural that it is influenced by the events and economic develop-'heralded a new Arab economic ments of the region. Yet, we have growth in the gross domestic product and to maintain the same level in local prices. The deficit in the country's

halance of trade will witness a

decline for the fourth consecutive year as a result of our measures. It should be noted also that we have been able to maintain a stability in the exchange rate of the Jordanian dinar and the country's foreign currency reserves and the balance of payments. We also were able to keep our foreign debt level within the acceptable international limits. As a result, there has been a revival of the Amman Financial Market and an increase in local deposits in Jordanian hanks which naturally allowed for more credit facilities to stimulate the

national economy.

The government has issued resolutions and introduced measures designed to create an opportune investment climate with the aim of giving momentum to the development process. The government has not spared any effort in providing means for protecting local products and subsidising them to help the economic sector offset some of the adverse regional and international economic effects on the local economy. The government gives priority to purchasing local products over foreign products and has been introducing measures designed to facilitate exports and has been concluding deals with different Arab and friendly nations to bolster the national eco-

The government is keen on adopting a financial and monetary policy that will achieve the aims and objectives of economic and social development and is expatriates to transfer their capital and their funds to Jordan to be invested in local projects.

The government has been able to honour its domestic and foreign financial commitments and has helped local companies with financial difficulties to overcome their difficult situations.

In 1987, reestimated local revenues amounted to JD 549.7 million against JD 514.6 million in 1986, while the recurrent expenditures amounted to JD 604.5 in 1987 against JD 571.8 million in 1986. Thus local revenues covered nearly 91 per cent of the

recurrent expenditures for 1987. The government has adopted various measures for improving the financial conditions of municipal and village councils by enoffering services to the local community. The government has shouldered the loans and the interest on these loans due to banks used for the purchase of land and the construction of schools and other buildings and health centres and roads during 1986 and entrusted various government departments with this task for 1987.

There is no doubt that the numerous government policies exports;

For this reason rates of economic and measures need some time to make themselves felt and the response and cooperation on the part of all sectors in order to

Jordan's national policy as manifested in the 1988 draft budget law hinges on the following:-

First - Mobilising all available potentials to support and develop the Armed Forces, the Public Security and Civil Defence departments in order to maintain and safeguard the security and stability of the country.

Second — Supporting the steadfastness of the people in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories and to eliminate the voke of oppression and occupation. Jordan's support of the steadfastness of the people in the occupied territories go hand in hand with its efforts to find a just and durable settlement, on the hasis of a complete Israeli withdrawal, and the realisation of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. The government is also pursuing policies to confront Israel's arbitrary measures in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The main vehicle of Jordan's policies lies in its five-year development programme for the West Bank

and Gaza Strip. Third - Pursuing efforts for maintaining and enhancing Arab solidarity. The government has been intensifying contacts with other Arab countries for the sake of bringing about an Arab econo-

mic integration. Fourth - Maintaining Jordan's credibility worldwide. In this respect, the government has been keen on maintaining dialogues with friendly nations with a view to bustering its friendly ties with them. As a result of its endeavours, the government has been able to obtain a \$300 million loan from Japan, another evidence of Jordan's seriousness in implementing development pro-

Fifth - Pursuing domestic development through set plans for the purpose of fulfilling national aspirations.

Stimulating economic life in seeking to encourage Jordanian Jordan and maintaining positive rates of economic growth require unanimity of efforts on the part of the public and private sectors. In the public sector the government aims at:

1. Reducing public expenditure of various institutions and raising the skill and efficiency of their personnel;

2. Increasing local revenues by simplifying collection procedures. This is aimed at acquiring sufficient local income to cover capital 3. Helping public organisations

to rely more on their own revenues so that they can cover their current and their capital

4. Allocating funds for the im-plementation of projects included in the 1986-1990 five-year plan hancing their capabilities for and allocating JD 10 million to contribute to the implementation of the development programme for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip;

5. Contributing JD 1.2 million for promoting scientific and technological schemes and another JD 1.2 million for the technical

cooperation programme;
6. Pursuing efforts to encourage local production, tourism and

tions within the limits of the draft budget for 1988 and refraining from issuing any supplements except whenever it is absolutely necessary.

The government's call for giving the private sector a more emphatic role in the economy and in production emanated from the deep faith in the importance of this sector. All the government decisions and measures taken in this regard were designed to create an opportune investment climate in the Kingdom to give impetus to the private sector to double its efforts in stimulating the national economy and in expanding Jordan's trade links with

Arab and friendly nations. Development projects in Jordan represent a translation of the government's economic and social policies.

Following are some of the achievements in the vital sectors of

# Agriculture and irrigation

The importance of this sector calls for dealing with it and with farmers on modern scientific bases. The government gives this sector a distinguished priority, both in the form of implementing major agricultural projects that involves large number of farmers like the Hammad Basin and the Zarqa River Basin project and in executing small projects and the application of agricultural pattern systems and organising production and marketing of crops. This policy requires direct subsidising of prices and providing the necessary tools for production and soft-term loans to farmers.

The government has pursued efforts for increasing cereals like wheat, fodder and meat through leasing land in the southeastern regions to local companies. A total of 180,000 dunums have been leased to these companies for nominal charges with the aim of increasing food production. At the same time, the government is keen on opening markets for the export of its agricultural pro-

In the irrigation sector, which is closely linked to the agricultural sector, the government has concluded an agreement with Syria for the construction of Al Wahdah Dani with the aim of storing water for irrigation purposes in the Jordan Valley retion of the project are being finalised and work on the scheme is expected to begin in the coming few months.

In addition, the government has extended the length of the King Abdullah (East Ghor) Canal for irrigating an additional 60,000 dunums of land. An allocation of JD 44.7 million has been made for the irrigation projects in the coming year.

# Industry and tourism

The government continues to give intermediary and mining industries special care for their paramount importance in providing jobs and due to their investment potential and ahility to support the country's trade halance. The government seeks to expand exports of Jordan's products and marketing them in different countries. It has set up a higher national committee on chemical

7. Strictly adhering to alloca- industries which would be exploiting the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea.

In tourism, a higher committee has been active in stimulating tourist programmes and plans. The committee has worked out a comprehensive strategy to promote the tourism industry and to create incentives for the tourism sector. A total of JD 26.1 million has been allocated in the 1988 draft budget for the tourism in-

### Energy, electricity and water

Water and electricity are being supplied to nearly 96 per cent of the total population of Jordan but the country is still largely dependent on imported sources of energy. However, oil extracted from Hamzeh oil fields covers one per cent of the total local energy consumption. The government is keen on supporting national plans for exploring for oil through self efforts and in cooperation with international companies. At the same time, plans for exploiting alternative sources of energy are

going ahead as planned. In addition, gas finds have been made and a gaspowered station is being set up to produce electricity and so boost the national grid and eventually reduce Jordan's oil imports.

The government is pursuing efforts to carry out water projects in different regions and a total of JD 60.9 million has been allocated for this purpose in the 1988 draft budget.

#### Education and health

The government has exerted tremendous efforts to improve and update the educational and health systems in the country. It is continuing to expand educational and health services as well as improving their quality.

A total of JD 165.8 million has been allocated in the 1988 oraft hudget for education and health.

#### Transport and communications

The government has pursued plans for building road networks and work has actually started on main roads like the Sweimeh-Mazraa road and the Naour-Dead Sea road as well as the ring road around Agaba.

In addition, there are numerous agneumirai roaus that are being built and the facilities and capabilities of Aqaba port are being boosted all the time. The government has reduced the services tariff at the port to encourage and boost its services for Arab countries.

In telecommunications, Jordan has been progressively improving its telephone services in all directions and of late it has introduced the fast-mail delivery system to hoost postal services. Jordan cooperates with Saudi Arahia and Syria in implementing a regional telecommunications project that will eventually help link the northern and southern parts of Jordan. The government has allocated JD 109.5 million for this project in the 1988 draft budget.

In compliance with directives from His Majesty King Hussein. the government has pursued contacts with Arab countries for the sake of arriving at formulas for bilateral cooperation with them in all fields.

Jordan has set up joint committees with these countries to follow up work on joint projects. Holding companies, set up with Saudi Arabia. Iraq and Egypt, have been entrusted with the task of carrying out industrial, agricultural and services projects and encouraging investments. Jordanian-Syrian joint companies have

hoosted to benefit both countries. The government has concluded numerous agreements to boost economic, technical and trade ties with other Arab states and plans to organise investment seminars in a number of Arab countries following the success of one organised in Kuwait to promote investments in Jordan.

been expanded and their work

The 1988 draft budget includes the following main items: The budget volume: JD 1075.4 million (with a 6.6 per cent increase over reassessed 1987

#### A) Revenues

1- Local revenues: JD 610.9

2- Financial assistance: JD 225

3. Refundable loans JD 26.3

Total revenues JD 862.2 million (first section). (With an increase of 23.5 per cent over the reassessed 1987 budget).

#### B) Expenses

1- Current expenses: JD 623.8

million; 2- Capital expenses JD 305.3 million.

Total expenses JD 929.1 million (first section). (With an increase of 2.9 per cent over the reassessed 1987 budget).

### Volume of the second section

Loans and assistance for development projects: JD 146.3 million. It should be noted that the local revenues as estimated in the draft budget will cover nearly 97.9 per cent from the estimated recurrent expenditure. Allocations for expenditure cover

all sectors in the following order: 1. Economic development sectors: JD 256.1 million:

2. Social and cultural development sectors: JD 142.4 million; 3. Public administration and finance: JD 243.2 million.

4. Defence and security: ID 256 million: 5. Servicing local and foreign loans: JD 177.7 million.

#### Total: JD 1075.4 million. Deficit

Deficit in the 1988 draft budget is estimated at JD 66.9 million and this will be covered by local and foreign borrowings; control over expenses and improving revenués.

The draft budget included JD 58 million allocation to invest in and promote the work of public institutions.

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Mountain lion surveys his domain in an Idaho wilderness area. Research by scientists such as Maurice G. Hornocker of the Wilderness Research Institute have improved prospects for the elusive. solitary cat, whose numbers had dwindled perilous-

ly low in the 1960s. Extremely territorial, mountain lions set aside individual hunting territories, aften ranging from 50 to 150 square miles in Idaho. Favourite prey are deer and elk.

# Mountain lions, unexcelled hunters, don't roam, but stay close to home

By Donald J. Frederick National Geographic

McCALL, Idaho - Contrary to their popular image as free-roaming killers, most mountain lions are homebodies that hunt on their own turf.

But when they hunt, they're in a class of their own. Although the largest males average only about 160 pounds, they can bring down an elk weighing 800 to 1,000

"That's phenomenal," says Maurice G. Hornocker, director of the Wildlife Research Institute in Moscow, Idaho. "It's like an African lioness single-handedly bringing down a cape buffalo. For sheer skill and killing ability, I don't think any cat in the world surpasses the mountain lion.'

Curiously, the sinewy, lowslung feline, which takes on a massive bull elk without hesitation, often acts like a domestic cat when encountering a dog. In most wilderness areas, mountain lions are so terrified of barking logs that they leap into trees to ... scape them.

A cornered mountain lion iko known as a puma, cougar, or panther - never roars at its tormentors or its prey. An ossified bone in its throat precludes a the animal to purr and make

other vocal sounds. In fact, the creature, ly but wrongly thought of as a prolific purveyor of terrifying creams, usually whistles instead. "I am certain lions 'talk' in the wild by means of these birdlike ounds produced with their vocal says Hornocker. "A warbling note is a greeting, a

piercing one is an alarm, and thort, intense tones mean 'come here.' The vocalisations are partiularly important to females with

On a recent reconnaissance trip wer a wilderness area in central daho, Hornocker clutches the eat in the sharply banking light lane as it bounces and pitches bove forbidding granite crags.

noise, pointing to a pine-clad outcrop just beyond the wing tip.

A loud "beep-beep-beep"

comes through his earphones, indicating that the tracking device on the aircraft has picked up directional signals from a transmitter attached to a collar around the animal's neck

'We thought sbe'd be there." says Homocker. "Mountain lions are very territorial and claim certain areas as their own. I view the primitive area down there as a vast apartment house. Once you know the number of mountain lion tenants, you can determine where they live in the building.

"Every so often I fly over to find out who's at home and bow they are behaving in their relationships with each other."

Hornocker knows more about mountain lions than almost anyone else in the country. He has been studying the elusive, tawny cats since the mid-1960s, when the animals, long vilified as vicious killers, were on the brink of the endangered-species list. His research has been supported by the National Geographie Society.

As a result of such research, the cats now have a much brighdeep rumbling noise but allows ter future. Western states with mountain lions have reclassified the cat from varmint to game which means that b them now is closely controlled.

Hornocker and his associates are reluctant to estimate the number of mountain lions in the United States, except to say that there are thousands of them. It's extremely difficult to take an accurate census of the reclusive creatures, they say.

The lions live chiefly in the Western mountains, although they've been reported in other places, including the Ozarks and Appalachians. An endangered subspecies is struggling to survive in Florida.

Decades ago, the lions were the most numerous large cat in

'The mountain lion's down hunting and lost habitat pushed there." he shouts over the engine them close to extinction, they could be found from upper British Columbia to the tip of South America.

Today, human attitudes toward them have mellowed. "There are some hot spots where lions kill domestic stock, but most people today value an animal that a decade ago was almost universally hated throughout the West," says Hornocker.

Pioneering the use of radio telemetry to keep track of the 100 or so animals he has captured and then released, Hornocker has come up with new information about the cats that dispels old myths and enhances their chances of continued success.

He has learned, for instance. that adult cats mark their territories by scraping leaves, twigs, or pine needles into small mounds and urinating on them. Young animals strike out on their own at about 2 years of age to seek a private bunting range.

In Idaho, rigid boundaries maintained by male lions range from 50 to 150 square miles. depending on type of terrain and abundance of prey such as deer and elk. Female territories are smaller - 25 to 50 square miles and sometimes overlap with those of neighbouring males.

Hornocker feels that the mounin lion bas been unfairly blamed for declines in elk and deer populations. "In my area the big cats often zeroed in on old and less physically fit animals, and there was no significant change in numbers of healtby elk and deer," he says.

He bopes soon to bear the familiar lion calls in Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park. The animals were gunned from its boundaries many years ago, when their indiscriminate killing was still condoned. But there's evidence that they have returned. In a new study, he hopes to

learn how many have returned and what ecological role they now play in the oldest national park.

# Ancient Tunisian mosaics debut in U.S.

NEW YORK — The huge blue and vellow banner fluttering over the majestic entrance to the American Museum of Natural History announces the premiere of the largest collection of Tunisian objects ever shown in the United States.

The exhibition — entitled Carthage: A Mosaic of Ancient Tunisia" — will be on display here from December 2, 1987, to May 1, 1988. It focuses on the city and its successive cultures through 167 pieces that include enormous brightly coloured mosaics, outstanding Roman bronzes and a collection of rare Punic jewellery.

Many of the items are being seen by the public for the first time. The exhibit presents the most comprehensive view of ancient Tunisian life and culture ever exhibited in the United States. It depicts the region as a centre of culture, history and art.

The Tunisian treasures are displayed in Gallery 3 of the American Museum, one of the largest and most popular museums in the United States. The gallery itself has been specially redesigned.

Visitors are transported to ancient Tunisia through huge photomurals of the sites, maps. descriptions of life at the time as well as by the artifacts them-

The exhibition is divided into five main sections: Prehistory and the Berbers; Punic Carthage; Carthage Reborn: the Coming of Rome; Romanisation, and Carthaginian Twilight. It illustrates the civilisation of the Carthaginians from 800 B, C, to the beginning of the Islamic period in the seventh century A.D.

Among the items are 17 of the world's most outstanding pictn-rial mosaics that provide a visual empathy with an ancient city and

record of life in the region from its resilient, creative people of the first to the fourth centuries long ago. It is presented as a gift A.D. Many of the mosaics, of our two countries to the cultualthough exhibited in Tunisia. have never travelled outside the country nor have pictures of them

appeared widely. After its New York viewing. the exhibit will travel to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, New Orleans Museum of Art, Albuquerque Museum, and the Natural History of Museum of Los Angeles County, where it is scheduled to close in December

David Soren, a University of Arizona professor and specialist in Roman art and archaeology, is the guest curator of the exhibiion. He has excavated extensively in Tunisia and unearthed some of the arrifacts in the exhibition. Soren said in an interview that the museum's director. Thomas

Nicholson, initiated the exhibit. Nicholson and Soren were touring Tunisia about seven years ago, Soren said, and the museum director "was impressed by the Bardo Museum and the great beauty of the mosaics and be turned to me and said: 'David do something.' He thought the people of New York would just love

to see these art treasures."

In an introduction to the exhibit, Nicholson wrote that "the story of ancient Carthage and her environs is vasi and complex only vaguely perceived by most of us and understood by only a few. The goal of this exhibit has been to present an accurate panorama of Carthage's varied and splendid artistic achievements against a backdrop of the events of the times and the struggles that surged across this part of the African landscape.

'Through 'Carthage: A Mosaic of Ancient Tunisia, the public

ral patrimony of the world," Nicholson wrote.

Soren acknowledged that "most people don't know very much about Tunisia. They've heard about Hannibal and may be (Queen) Dido but are vague about the Punic Wars."

Yet, he said, "we share with Tunisia the roots of Western civilisation. I don't think people realise that Carthage was one of the greatest cities of Western civilisation of its time. That was one of the big reasons for doing this

"As we approach the 2Ist Century, we are starting to see power shifts around the world, and the nations of Islam are much more in our consciousness than they ever were before," Soren said. It is certainly time that we as a nation inform ourselves what is going on in these communities. It is also important to realise that if a nation is Islamic it doesn't mean everything is Islamic."

Soren assembled the exhibit with the help of Tunisian archaeologists — especially Aicha Ben Abed Ben Khader, conservator and director of the Musee de Bardo, and M'hamed Fantar. director of the Tunisian National Institute of Archaeology and Art. Their work took four years.

"We put an exhibition together to show things from the Tunisian point of view. Nothing like this had been done in the United States with their country," Soren

Their work was not only an intellecta challenge, but nerveracking as .:ell. "We're not just dealing with mosaics, but national treasures," he said. The mosaics had to he in excellent condition to travel. They had to be cut into sections, to be res-

tored. "Each one is stacked in a difficult and costly. Ben Abed special compartment and has to be hoisted into position." Soren said. They are difficult to mount and stabilise, he added. "There

are problems in positioning because if the mosaics are set over a weak point, they could go through the floor." Then the mosaics must be looked after once they're in place. Tunisian specialists have accompanied the exhibit and will remain to care for the treasures.

Museum visitors agree that the effort was worth it, especially when they turn a corner on the winding path of the exhibit and see the recently discovered mosaic from Rougga -- the spectacular "Orpheus Charming the Animals" — or the "Head of Medusa" on loan from the Sfax Museum.

Soren and the group had three criteria in picking the objects. The pieces "had to be interesting not just to specialists, but have some kind of human interest," he said. Second, they had to fit into the exhibit's overall theme - the interrelationship of the Berber, Punic and Roman people and what their lives were like. And third, the pieces had to tell some kind of story.

"We didn't want people to walk through the exhibit and feel they were just looking at a bunch of objects," Soren said.

Ben Abed said that "other small exhibitions have been done in the United States, but it is the first time we are sending such a big exhibition.

Several of the mosaics never left their site before, let alone Tunisia, she said. "This is the first time the mosaic from el Jem left the site. It will go back to a museum, however, we cannot leave it on the site because it is too difficult to take care of."

said. "We are doing what we can (in Tunisia). They need a lot of sophisticated care so we are trying to collaborate with other museums," she said. "The problem is that people don't understand that Tunisia is so rich (archaeologically); we have so many objects, so many sites, so many still to be discovered, that we cannot afford to put all the mosaics on new supports to preserve them for humanity." Ben Abed hopes that "Carthage: A Mosaic of Ancient Tunisia" will make more people aware of Tunisia's treasures and possibly hring more financial and technical sup-

The American Museum has also planned special events around the exhibition, including a symposium, a tour, and a special press preview. A 238-page book describing the items in the exhibit and placing them in the context of the historical period, edited by Soren and Ben Abed has also been published by the museum.

Ben Abed presented a lecture on the Bardo Museum's mosaics on November 16 and on December 5 Soren moderated an education symposium's panel discussion on Carthage and the Mediterranean World." The museum's gift shop is carrying reproductions from the Bardo Museum, including a Punic oil lamp, a bas relief plaque of the dancing Maenads, and Roman glass vases.

Carthage: A Mosaic of Ancient Tunisia" was produced by the American Museum in cooperation with the Tunisian National Institute of Archaeology and Art, the Musee de Bardo of Tunis, and the Tunisian Museums of Sfax and Sousse. The American Museum also received a oo difficult to take care of." grant from the (U.S.) National Caring for such treasures is Endowment for the Humanities.

# Small consumer interest group out to protect one billion buyers we have great influence on socie-

By Jim Abrams The Associated Press

BEIJING - A group of 15 people in a small Beijing office is out to protect the interests of 1 billion Chinese consumers beset by counterfeits, inferior goods and unscrupulous salesmen. The China Consumer Associa-

tion, not quite three years old, lacks the testing laboratories, batteries of lawyers and spending power of consumer interest groups in the West. does, however, have the

crucial backing of the Communist government, which has given top priority to economie development and bettering living standards in one of the world's poorer

said administrative director Liu Yuanying in an interview. She said the association has

handled 20,000 letters from consumers distraught over bad quality, high prices, poor service and false advertising. Many problems were solved, she said, by confronting the manufacturer and demanding redress of grievances.

Ms. Liu recalled how they bad worked with police to track down a man who bilked 40 people out of 60,000 yuan (\$16,200) by falsely promising them Japanese tape recorders, or bow they found a painting bought by a Chinese-American but misplaced by the transport company during ship-

About 70 per cent of com-"We have a short history, but plaints concern electrical ap-

pliances, she said, an indication of the strain between low technological levels and high demand for televisions, refrigerators and washing machines. One major accomplishment of

the association has been to prod numerous appliance factories to guarantee that defective products will be fixed, exchanged or taken back, Ms. Liu said. The association is funded by

the state administration for industry and commerce, and is governed by a council of 134 government officials and experts in law, engineering and the mass media.

It is trying to be more than just a complaint box for consumer woes, Ms. Liu said. In September it co-sponsored an exhibition of counterfeit products seen by 100,000 in Beijing. In November

it will participate in a light industry ministry "exhibition of shame" in which shoddy goods will be exposed to the public. The association also is helping

draft a national consumer protection law, carries out surveys to assess consumer reactions to products and strives to "guide the consumption of the masses" through propaganda campaigns in the official media.

"We promote good quality products and review bad ones and ask consumers not to buy them," Ms. Liu-said.

There's plenty to review in a country where only 30 per cent of major manufactured goods meet international standards. The problem of poor quality is even more acute in the 500,000 light industry factories, many operat- everyone working.

ing with little supervision, poor equipment and few trained technicians. The reception on Chinese TV

has been compared to "waves of the Danube," while new models of the well-known snow flame refrigerator have to be returned to the factory for repairs 20 times as frequently as foreign models, People will pay several months'

income, sometimes on the black market, to obtain scarce foreignmade or top-quality Chinese bicycles, while about 8 million second-rate bicycles have already piled up in warehouses this year. The nation now has a stockpile

of 35 million wristwatches, many of poor quality that can't be sold but continue to be produced in China's desperate battle to keep

# North America. Before over-Transistor radios and gold crowd out Oman's silversmiths

By Stephen Jukes

IUTTRAH, Oman — Silver mani daggers fit for a king lie idden from view behind garish alls of pirated Micbael Jackson issettes and inflatable toy Jum-

Splashes of red and yellow olyester dresses flick out from eneath black veils as Omani Omen hurry through the windg alleys, stopping only to gaze window displays dripping with old jewellery.

The art of the silversmith is still ized in the Sultanate of Oman. at is becoming rarer as fashion id taste catch up with the earlier flow of petrodoliar wealth and √ing in favour of gold.

Ornate silver necklaces and rved daggers - known as lanjars and a symbol of mascuuty - now take second place to e scores of gold shops in the tling market or souk.

the Muttrah Souk, one of the est and liveliest in the Gulf oil te of Oman, is a mishmash of d and new, a rabbit warren of cyways which bursts into life 'ery day as soon as the sun sets 'er the bay's palm-lined water-

la Ali Saleb's fly-blown back one, a refuge from stalls selling ordozen ancient bandmade les are stacked up against the all, the barrels finely

He rummages through a tray to produce a Marie Theresa "thaler," an Austrian silver coin first minted in 1751 which was still legal tender in Oman until 1970

when a currency reform was introduced. The high silver content of the coins meant they were often melted down by silversmiths to make jewellery. They were also used to set the value of a bridal gift or mahr bestowed hy Omani

men on their young wives. But today the thalers have become little more than curiosities and, after due haggling, Ali is happy to part with one for three

Omani rials — about \$8. A maze of alleyways further into the souk, in the sbadow of a towering Portuguese fort guarding the Gulf of Oman coastline, Saleh Ali Mobammad bas one of the few silversmiths workshops still actively making jewellery in

Muttrah. His father and grandfather before him made the ceremonial khanjars, which the Omani man wore with pride at his waist on formal occasions and feast days.

The handle is usually made of rhinoceros born and silver, the scabbard is decorated with seven silver rings through which fine strands of silver thread are

It is 10 to 15 days' intricate work for Saleb or one of his young apprentices that will cost a

nearly \$4,000.

These are the best quality you can buy," he says clutching five khanjars or \$20,000-worth in his hand. "They aren't so good in Nizwa. Nizwa, one of Oman's ancient

capitals in the interior, is a rival silver centre, with its own distincrive jewellery designs that some silversmiths trace back to Indian folklore and 10th century China.

In contrast to gold, which is imported ioto Oman, silver is brought from veins near the country's northern copper mine in the Hajar mountains.

Because of the delicacy of Omani silverwork, khanjars and necklaces are often presented to visiting heads of state by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said who took over the country from his father in a 1970 coup and has tried to strike a balance between tradition and

But the black-veiled women who flock to the souk have eyes only for gold in what appears to be one of the most recession proof businesses in the Gulf.

A huge army of expatriate Indians in one glittering shop weigh individual pieces on scales and work out the price on calculators, Omani wives phone their hus-bands for advice and a one-yearold child smiles contentedly as she is presented with golden earr-

# Japanese girls use band-aid charm to catch the boys

By Yumi Kuramitsu Reuter

TOKYO — If you see a teenage girl in Japan with a band-aid on her arm, don't assume she cut herself. She may just have a broken heart.

According to a fad sweeping the ranks of Japanese schoolgirls, supernatural powers can be enlisted to make love bloom through the use of ordinary sticking plasters.

It works like this: Write the name of the boy you like on the inside of your left arm and cover it with a plaster for three days. Within a week, your wish will

be granted and you will begin a relationship with the boy "deeper than friendship," whisper breathless believers. Fifteeo-year-old high-school

girl Kazue Kushibiki is a believer. "I had my wish come true thanks to it," she said. "The boy I like now pays attention to me.' A classmate said she bad a similar success earlier this year.

"The boy whom I wanted to be my good friend gave me a present in return for my Valentine's day gift, thanks to my wearing a band-aid for three days," she

Kushibiki's explanation of how it happened is simple. "If you try hard, God will help you and your dreams will come true," she said. The fad has gained momentum

report on the sticking plaster road to romance in October. Fumito Sakai, the magazine's editor, said the band-aid fad had been popular before among Japanese girls, maybe four or five years ago. 'We got many letters from our

since a popular teenage girls'

magazine, My Birthday, carried a

readers telling us that it was again becoming popular in their schools to wear a hand-aid on the left arm for three days for good luck," Sakai said. "So we decided to make it one of the regularly

featured items in our magazine."

The magazine now gets tele-

phone calls and postcards every day from readers enquiring about sticking plaster hoodoo. For My Birthday, too, the fashion has brought good luck -

sales have increased dramatically since it began, Sakai said. Another member of My Birth day's staff, Kazuo Arai, said they had been surprised by the sudden upsurge in the fad, hut added:

"It is just the latest in a series

of similar strange practices among teenage girls. According to another superstitioo popular among Japanese girls, you can snare a boy by writing his name on a pencil eraser — as long as no one else touches it before it has worn

For general good luck in romance and other areas of life, some girls draw a small white star on the nail of their left little

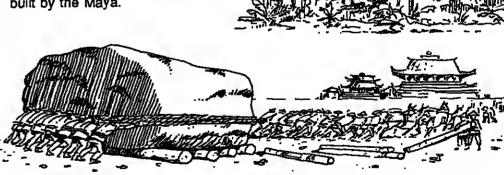
Most of the fads are strictly for girls. But there are signs that the sticking plaster charm works for boys as well.

"My boyfriend did it. ft helped and made us good friends," said junior high-school student Yuko

"I think it is one of the most effective spells going," she said. But the reaction to the bandaid fad among young teenage boys is generally cool.

"Girls are getting too aggressive these days," grumbled one boy. "We don't care too much for

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC NEWS GRAPHIC A pyramid called Tigre, in the ancient Maya city of El Mirador in Guatemala, soars 18 stories high and is probably the largest ever built by the Maya.

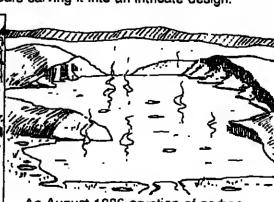


Because of an 18th-century Chinese emperor's passion for jade, 1,000 workmen spent three years hauling a 6-ton nephrite boulder, and artisans spent another seven years carving it into an intricate design.



The Great Law of Peace, the oral constitution of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, preceded the U.S. Constitution by centuries and embodies many ideals similar to those found in the 200-year-old document.

National Geographic Society Drawings by Stokes Walesby



An August 1986 eruption of carbon monoxide gas from Lake Nyos in Cameroon, which snuffed out 1,700 lives, and a similar incident at nearby Lake Monoun in August 1984, which killed 37, are the only recorded events in which gas released from lakes has caused human deaths.

# **Knicks trail Trail Blazers**

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Clyde Drexler had 27 points and Steve Johnson scored eight of his 22 in the last 31/2 minutes of the each of their last eight meetings. first half, lifting Portland to its ninth straight National Basketball Association (NBA) victory, 117-99, over the New York Knicks Sunday night.

The Knicks led 52-44 late in the first half when Johnson started a 13-2 streak with three straight baskets. The spurt gave the Trail Blazers a 57-54 halftime lead, and they never trailed in the second

Jerome Kersey bad 23 points for Portland as he continued to play well in relief of high-scoring forward Kiki Vandeweghe, who has missed eight of the nine victories in the winning streak hecause of a sore back.

Man takes up

ARTHUR, Ontario (AP) -

"Once you've broken your neck,

you can't get hurt any worse unless you die," said daredevil quadriplegic Troy Brown just be-

fore strapping on a parachute and

bailing out of an airplane near

this southern Ontario farming

Brown, paralysed from chest to

The slim 21-year-old, who also

rides horses and sails, believes

he's the only quadriplegic in Canada who skydives and said he

hopes the achievement will show

others that physical disabilities

don't have to end an active life.

quadriplegics who live life stuck

in an apartment and who don't go

life wouldn't be worth living like

"Then I decided to jump. You might be limited, but you can't let

After spending most of his time in a wheekhair, he said the ex-

perience of plunging through the

air was a thrilling new form of

Brown lost his physical free-

dom one night in June, 1986,

when he was riding in the back of

a pickup truck on his way to a

party near Owen Sound. When

the truck hit a three, Brown

Unwilling to surrender an ac-

tive life, he took up horseback

riding and sailing — activities that were actually therapeuric and

While he was undergoing phy-

siotherapy, he met Ken Dumont.

a skydiving instructor hurt in a

jump who wound up in the same

Dumont told Brown about a

fairly new type of parachuting

that would, in theory, allow a

quadriplegic to jump in tandem

with an experienced skydiver.

The trouble was, Dumoni said,

Brown's doctors advised

against the jump, hut he wouldn't

"I've always liked high-risk activities," said Brown. "I'd been

a year and a half in hospitals and was getting institutionalised. 1

Joe Stanley, the kitchener skydi-

ver who volunteered to guide

Brown down in the parachute.

was initially concerned Brown

might injure himself.
We were all worried that he

might get hurt in the jump, but he

wasn't worried," said Stanley.

Performances 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 10-30

needed an escape.

no one had ever tried it.

taught him new balance.

out or do too much.

the injury stop you.

broke his neck.

hospital.

"After my injury, 1 saw a lot of

"That scared me, and I thought

toe, looked up from his wheel-chair with a faint but defiant

skydiving

despite

community.

smile.

paralysis

won nine straight in 1979-80 and in 1980-81.

The winning streak equals the

longest in club history. Portland,

which has beaten the Knicks in

Suns edge Clippers

In Los Angeles, Larry Nance scored 26 points and James Edwards added 17 Sunday night as the Phoenix Suns held off the Los Angeles Clippers 97-96 for their first NBA road victory of the

Phoenix appeared to bave the game in hand, leading 97-91 with 1:33 left. Los Angeles rallied to within one point and had a couple of chances to take the lead, only to fall short.

The Clippers' Mike Woodson

broke out of a 6-for-38 shooting drought over the previous two games to score 30 points. Michael Cage, who pulled down 19 rebounds for Los Angeles, made only three of 11 free throws, missing three in the last four

minutes of the game. Trailing 97-91 with 1:33 left in the game, the Clippers cut the deficit to 97-95 when Cage hit a jumper, then stole the ball from Alvan Adams under the Phoenix basket to set up a layup by Benoit Benjamin with 47 seconds left.

Cage then stripped Jeff Hor-nacek of the ball, was fouled at the other end by Nance with 25 seconds left and went to the line with a chance to tie the score. But he made only one of the two free throws to leave Clippers a point

tial. The Danish international,

Munich and Ajax, teams of high

European pedigree, said last week: "PSV are the best club side

The Dutch team are already

Wim Kieft, PSV's recent sign-

ing from Torino, led the goal

spree with four and Ronald Koe-

through to the quarterfinals of

the European Cup.

# Only the weather stops Swiss march on the Alps

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) - in third place after 17 racers had The weather was the only thing started in the first men's downhill blocking the Swiss skiers from of the season, fog and snow making a French sweep after an forced a one-day postponement Italian shutout. of the race.

first weekend in Italy, rebounded with Maria Walliser and Chantal Bournissen — the veteran and the youngster — scoring back-toback victories Friday and Saturday.

That ended the Swiss losing streak, which bad risen to five and eight of 10 world champion

The Swiss skiing team, which had been shut out the season's all leaders participated in any of the downhills over the weekend, each baving built up big leads prior to that.

Alberto Tomba of Italy bad 50 points in the men's standings while Mateja Svet of Yugoslavia led the women with 40 points.

On Sunday, the men's race was this season. Last year, the Swiss hampered from the start. Canatook 40 of 65 World Cup races da's Rob Boyd, who had won two of the training runs, tried racing Sunday but wound up last at that On Sunday, with Swiss Daniel point. Two skiers later, the jury Mahrer in first and Peter Mueller stopped the competition.

Sabatini crushes Cueto in

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argenni in the world ranking, looked tine tennis star Gahriela Sahatini nervous and made numerous unon Sunday dropped only three games in scoring a comfortable victory over West Germany's Isabel Cueto in the final of the \$50,000 Argentine Open

women's championship. Sabatini, ranked sixth in the world and top seed at the tournameni, beat number two seed Cueto 6-0, 6-3 in little more than a hour before 3,000 fans at the clay-court Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, She also won the tournament in 1984 and 1986.

Cueto, 27 places below Sabati-

forced errors in the opening set.

But she fought back to take the lead early in the second set as she found more accuracy with her two-handed hackhand.

Sabatini, 17, runner-up in the recent end-of-season women's championship in New York, forced her way back into the game on her service to go 3-3.

She wrapped up the match for her fifth professional title after recovering from break point in the 14th game.

Marc Wilson completed 21 of

32 passes for 337 yards and three

touchdowns as the Raiders

knocked the Bills, 6-6, out of a first-place tie in the AFC east.

Atlanta broke a six-game los-

ing streak - the Falcons hadn't

won since the players' strike - as

Robert Moore returned a fumble

for a touchdown and set up

another score with a second re-

Bengals 30, Chiefs 27, OT

Cincinnati won its first home

game in seven tries on Jim

Breech's 32-yard field goal, his

Jim Everett passed for a career-high 324 yards and two

Falcons 21, Cowboys 10

# Argentine Open final **British** image further. aggravated

LONDON (R) - A brawl in a Rughy League match involving all 26 players and some officials of the two clubs bas further sullied the image of British sport.

by rugby

brawl

fit as ever (Photo hy INP)

The brawl, a running hattle that lasted four minutes, took place on Sunday during the Second Division game between home team York and Dewsbury.

It was the latest in a series of incidents that have discredited sport in Britain, once groud of its reputation for setting high stan-dards of sportsmanship.

Other incidents have included a boxer who punched a referee in a major London promotion last Wednesday, the reluctance of England cricketer Chris Broad to accept his dismissal when given out in a test match in Pakistan and a surge in sending off in soccer matches.

The number of players dismissed in English League and Football Association Cup matches reached 114 at the weekend, well on course for the record 229 in

the 1982-83 season. If the soccer authorities needed reminding wayward behaviour on the field sets a poor example for spectators, the evidence was there on Saturday.

A referee needed stitches in a head wound after being struck by a missile thrown from the crowd and another was escorted from the field after sending off West Ham's Mark Ward in the First-Division game against South-

ampton. Sunday's Rugby League brawl provided further evidence of a rising state of lawlessness. To make matters worse, club officials joined in, among them York Director Albert Bond who had to be ordered from the field by referee Alan Burke and then appeared to throw a punch at one

of the louch judges. After the dust had settled on the second-half fracas, Burke sent off four players. A fifth was ordered off 10 minutes later but was so reluctant to leave, it had to he pointed out to Burke he was still on the field two minutes

Burke defended himself against criticism that he had not done enough to stop the fighting. '1 could have separated two fighting players but not so many. I let them get on with it and took note of who was to blame.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

# Venezuelan trots away with trophy

"THE FLYING MASTER": At 50, "captain" Uwe Seeler of West Germany is still as popular and

SAN JUAN. Puerto Rico (AP) - Rayo Laser of Venezuela sprinted ahead in the last 425 metres Sunday, inching ahead of co-national Gallardete to win the 20th Caribbean Horse Racing Classic. The race was so tight that the judges had to examine the photograph of the arrival before determining the winner. Rayo Laser beat 13 other horses from seven countries with a time of 1.52.3 in the 1,800 metres race, taking the prize of \$153,000. The horse, owned by Gustavo Mirabal and Carlos Mancera, was ridden by Agustin Bezara. Laser Ray advanced from fifth place to take the lead in the last 425 metres of the race and heat Gallardete by a nose. "It was a surprising victory for Venezuela," said Classic press director Tomas Muniz. The start of the race was delayed 20 minutes when the Ecuadorian horse Vainglorius escaped from the starting gate three times.

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### Official to investigate disappearance of players

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) - A former cabinet minister has been appointed to investigate the disappearance of 15 members of Guyana's national soccer team in Los Angeles. officials said Sunday. The players disappeared after they lost to Mexico 9-0 in an Olympic qualifying play-off Friday. The rest of the national soccer team was scheduled to return to Guyana Sunday night from Miami. The team had been slated to continue to Mexico after Los Angeles match, but was ordered to return home immediately. Prime Minister Hamilton Green appointed former home affairs minister Stanley Moore to investigate the disappearance, officials said. Three other Guyanese athletes disappeared earlier this year in Miami on their way home from the

# Monaco held to goalless draw

PARIS (R) — Monaco's England international striker Mark Hateley was well shackled by the Montpellier defence as the French First Division leaders were held to a goalless draw at home on Sunday. Brazilian international Julio Cesar and Yugoslav Nenad Stojkovic combined to keep Hateley from adding to his league tally of 10 goals, but the point Monaco gained stretched their lead over second-placed Bordeaux, 5-2 winners over Lens on Saturday, to four points. Monaco's game should have been played on Saturday but a deluge on the Cote d'Azur resulted in it being postponed for 24 hours. In another match put back a day because of the rain. Cannes beat bottom-placed Le Havre 3-0.

# Japan will stick to 12-metre challenger

TOKYO (R) - Japan has no plans to build 90-foot boats and will concentrate on a 12-metre challenger for the 1991 America's Cup, the Nippon challenge America's Cup 1991 committee said on Monday. A spokesman said the committee had decided not to build giant yachts despite a New York court's decision forcing the San Diego yacht club to defend the America's Cup next year in 90-foot (27.30 metre) waterline boats. Last week San Diego said it would accept a challenge only from New Zealand. The spokesman for the Japanese committee said they had also decided not to send a delegation to New York this week to protest against San Diego's decision. Australian millionaire Alan Bond had called on Japan, New Zealand, France and Britain to attend a meeting on Thursday. The spokesman said any change in the Japanese attitude would have to wait until the result of the 90-foot challenge, expected next summer.

# Crafter leads her team to victory

LARGO. Florida (AP) — Jane Crafter chipped in two 40-foot-plus hirdies and dropped two 30-foot hirdie putts Sunday to lead her team to victory in the \$650,000 J.C. Penney mixed team golf classic at Bardmoor Country Club. Crafter, a 31-year-old Australian, teamed with Steve Jones of the United States, a 28-year-old PGA tour player, to post a final round 68 and a 72-hole total of 20-under-par 268. Each earned \$65,000. The winning team finished two strokes ahead of third-round leaders Mark McCumber and Dehhie Massey, who struggled to a final round 71 to finish at 270 and earn \$38,000 each.

# Former boxing champ preparing comeback

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Former International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior-lightweight champion Barry Michael of Australia is set to make a comeback to the ring less than five months after announcing his retirement. Michael fought a four-round exhibition match with compatriot John Siriotis in Alice Springs over the weekend and announced he planned a serious return to the sport. The British-born Michael after losing his IBF title to Rocky Lockridge of the United States at Windsor, England, earlier this year. Micbael said Monday that he hoped to fight a world-ranked American lightweight in the town of Surfers Paradise in February next year.

# **EXPAT LEAVING**

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# Dutch champs sound warning across Europe

UNDATED - Dutch champions has no doubts about PSV's poten-PSV Eindhoven sounded a warning across Europe after humiliat- who has played for both Bayern ing DS'79 7-0 on Sunday to maintain their 100 per cent record in the league after 15 matches.

PSV, bidding for their third 1 have ever played for.' successive league title, remain six points clear of Ajax Amsterdam having scored 64 goals with only

soccer which could well earn them European Cup success this

They are playing the brand of

man, the league's leading marks-man, claimed his 13th of the Their talented and experienced man, midfield Dynamo Soeren Lerby season. Saints follow 49ers, Redskins into NBA playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins, who make a habit of being in the playoffs, were joined there Sunday by the New Orleans

The Saints? The NFL's perennial losers, the team that went 20 years without a winning record? New Orleans assured itself of at least a wild-card herth Sunday

with a 44-34 victory over Tampa

Bay. They are one game behind

the 49ers, 23-12 winners at Green Bay, in the NFC West. Washington got into the playoffs for the fifth time in six years with a 34-17 decision at St. Louis. Chicago clinched the NFC

Central with a 30-24 victory over Minnesota. All three AFC divisions are three-day tie among Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Houston. Indianapolis helped create that situation with a 9-7 victory over the Browns, giving the colts the lead

in the East. Denver's 31-20 decision over New England lifted the Broncos past San Diego, a 33-18 loser at Houston, and Seattle, which was Bears 30, Vikings 24 beaten 13-9 in Pittsburgh.

Other results Sunday were: Atlanta 21. Dallas 10: Cincinnati Giants 23, Philadelphis 20 in overtime.

Monday night, the New York Jets, who could tie Indianapolis for the East lead with a win, are at Miami.

Saints 44, Buccaneers 34 Bobby Hebert had the best day of his three-year NFL career,

while Vinny Testaverde, the top pick in this year's draft, got off to a horrible start. Hebert threw for. two touchdowns after Testaverde' fumbles in the first period and the Saints never were caught.

# 49ers 23, Packers 12

Joe Montana, the league's top passer, hit his first 17 passes, giving him an NFL record 22 straight completions, and also muddled, with the Central in a passed for two touchdowns and ran for another.

# Redskins 34, Cardinals 17

Jay Schroeder completed eight of nine passes for 126 yards in the third quarter as the Redskins, 9-3, produced three touchdowns in a span of 5:48. Scroeder ran for one of the touchdowns.

Mike Tomczak replaced injured Jim McMahon and threw a 38-vard touchdown pass to De-30. Kansas City 27 in overtime; nnis Gentry with 40 seconds rethe Los Angeles Rams 37, Demaining. Leading 24-23, Minne-

troit 16; and the New York sota was stopped four times in- Raiders 34, Bills 21 side the 2-yard line. Colts 9, Browns 7

Colts placekicker Dean Biasucci did all of the scoring for Indianapolis, which began week 12 tied with the Jets and Bills atop the AFC East. The Browns let their hold on first place slip with their second straight loss.

### Oilers 33, Chargers 18

Houston recovered four fumbles, with Robert Lyles returning one 55 yards for a touchdown. Houston overcame a shoulder injury to Warren Moon and injuries to leading rusher Mike Rozier, who hurt his shoulder, ankle and knee in the game.

# Steelers 13, Seahawks 9

Pittsburgh forced a pair of second-half turnovers in its territory and got 106 yards rushing from Frank Pollard, who scored the deciding touchdown on an

# Broncos 31, Patriots 20

balf touchdown passes and cor-nerback Mark Haynes scored a fourth-quarter TD on an interception. Denver's fourth consecutive victory came after the Broncos fell hehind 17-3 at half-

John Elway threw two second-

# 11-yard fourth-quarter run.

#### touchdowns and Charles White bad his sixth 100-yard rushing game this season with 102 yards and two more scores as the Rams won their fourth straight game. Giants 23, Eagles 20, OT

Rams 37, Lions 16

Raul Allegre, who earlier missed two field-goal attempts, kicked a 28-yarder to win it. In the fourth quarter, Allegre had a 31-yard field goal attempt hit the upright. His 50-yard attempt in overtime was blocked.

# Lendl urged not to relinquish Czech citizenship

Ivan Lendl to drop his hid for U.S. citizenship, fearing that the top-ranked player's defection would seriously harm tennis in

"Should he defect, it would cast a black shadow over tennis in Czechoslovakia. 'stated Czechoslovak Davis Cup Captain Jan Kodes in a release at the \$500,000 Masters Journament.

country." Kodes stated.

the Eastern Bloc country.

"His decision to live in the USA is taken very hard in our

According to a source close to

NEW YORK (R) -- A Czechos- Kodes, Lendl's departure might has five years to wait before lovak tennis official has asked result in a curtailment of tennis granted U.S. citizenship. programmes in Czechoslovakia. The source, who asked not to be named, said Lendl's defection would cause emharrassment to the federation.

Czechoslovakia has already lost their two top women players. Martina Navratilova is now an American citizen, and Hana Mandlikova is seeking citizenship in her Australian husband's

Lendl said his position is unchanged, adding that he officially

Performances 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

But the 26-year-old player said

he is petitioning for U.S. citizenship quicker because of his hopes to play Davis Cup competition for the United States.

"I would still like it (being a member of the U.S. Davis Cup team) if 1'm eligible," said Lendl on Sunday after he advanced to the Masters final with a 6-2, 6-4 win over American Brad Gilhert.

Kodes encouraged good relations between Lendi and the Czechoslovak Tennis Federation.

"He is still welcome to play Davis Cup for Czechoslovakia any time he feels able," Kodes

stated. But 1 still believe that if the Czech authorities would allow him to retain Czech citizenship while living permanently aoroad," added Kodes, "Ivan might accept to play Davis Cup for us again.

Lendl said that he has not discussed playing Davis Cup for Czechoslovakia with Kodes.

"li's not true," Lendl said.
"We have talked, but not about

# ANNOUNCEMENT

The Austrian embassy announces that its visa section has been transferred to the Amra Hotel. Second Floor, Room No. 217, as of Dec. 8, 1987,

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# Cocoa prices plunge in 'bloodbath'

LONDON (R) — The collapse of International Cocoa Organisation ICCO) talks at the weekeod sent he cocoa market into free-fall on Monday, with prices plunging to heir lowest for five years on the ondon futures market.

Dealers said there was a 'bloodbath" when trading reamed at the start of the new

Heavy selling wiped close to (\$180) off values with cocoa alling to £1,040 (\$1,870) a tonne or March delivery.

The ICCO talks collapsed early on Saturday when consumers and producers could not agree on the terms under which to authonse boying to a buffer stock. needed to tighten an oversupplied world marker.

Third World sellers, badly in need of foreign exchange, are likely to be pinched as prices weaken in a world market that looks like remaining burdened by an oversupply. Producers include such Third World debtors as Iv-BP Coast and Brazil.
Laleoess of West African

cocoa crops might still help iron inderpio the market, but some inalysts believe the time has pased for this to have much influ-

ence on prices. Cocoa from Ivory Coast and Ghana is starting to flow and as his gathers momentum in Janu-: ary through March the market : will come under more pressure.

Dearth. One Sterling

account

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the Loodon foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

1.3105/15

1.**07**05/1.3

34.90/93

1.8791/8001

5,6690/6715

6.0375/0425

5.4675/4725

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - The first day of the new account ended on a

firm note, with traders marking the bulk of prices higher against

discounted and had little effect on a very quiet market. There was

a total of just 223.4 million shares traded through the stock

exchange automated quotation system (SEAQ) by 1500 GMT,

which is well below the average turnover, dealers said.

At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 share index had gained a net 18.9 points to 1,601.7, but Monday's thin conditions exaggerated the

gains, with traders marking up prices to encourage business.

Brokers attributed some of the gains to buying for the new account, but expressed surprise at the extent of the rally. Some

thought the gains overdone when the declines on the New York

It's been so thin today that many of the gains are artificial and could well be given back tomorrow if Wall Street does nothing

and Far Eastern stock markets late last week were taken into

speciacular tonight," one dealer said.

. . . The early small rise on Wall Street was to a large extent

... the background of the steady dollar, dealers said.

One ounce of gold 481.25/481.75

1231/1232

Brazil's main crop has suffered drought damage and analysis said its production next year might also be affected by the dry conditions. But this was unlikely to alter radically the oversupply pic-

ture, they said. The ICCO is to meet again in February but consumer spokesman Peter Baron of West Germany said at the weekend that consuming nations had seen the failed London talks as a last chance to rescue a world cocou

agreemen). The pact, including provision for a buffer stock, was introduced last January. But by June, the buffer stock manager had bought as much cocoa as he was entitled to without a new mandate from the ICCO council.

Since then, producers and consumers have differed in several rounds of talks on the terms under which he would be allowed to resume intervention.

"The credibility of the agree-ment is damaged." Mr. Baron

He said failure this time was all the more regrettable because producers and consumers both accepted a cut in the support price at which the buffer stock would be authorised to buy, an issue which had hitherto divided

But the two sides could not compromise on other measures to boost prices, Mr. Baron said. Some consumers objected to

U.S. dollars

Canadian dollar

Dutch guilders

Swiss francs Belgian francs

French francs

Italian lire

Japanese ven

Swedish crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

Norwegian crowns

West German marks

proposals to penalise impons of cocoa from producers outside the ICCO, such as Malaysia, saying this would be against rules of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade.

Coffee talks expected to focus on two-tier market

Meanwhile, talks this week of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) are likely to focus on charges that leading producers are getting round export quotas by selling at a discount to nonmembers of the trade group, delegates said.

They said the executive board of the ICO, a trade hody of 74 producing and consumer countries, may discuss how to penalise countries which sell at a discount in this week's talks.

The meeting has been called to review the market since the introduction on Oct, it of export quotas designed to halt a slide in prices.

ICO export quotas apply only to sales of coffee to consumer countries which belong to the organisation.

Most producers, led by Brazil, belong to the pact. Among consumers, the United States and the European Community countries are ICO members. The Soviet Union, some other East Bloc countries and many states in the Middle East are not.

ICO producers themselves decided in talks in Costa Rica in November apply sanctions against countries which sell coffee cheaply to non-members.

Leading producers are selling coffee to non-members at discounts of 10 to 20 per cent, trade

# Britain's oil output declines

LONDON (OPECNA) - Britain's petroleum production dur-ing the August-October period declined by nearly four per cent to 30.80 million tonnes compared to the same period in 1980. according to figures released by the department of energy. Coal output during the period amounted to 20.70 million tonnes, a three per cent decrease over the same month last year. while that of primary electricity fell by 1.5 per cent. Production of natural gas totalled 1.30 million tonnes or an increase of S.4 per cent, according to the figures. Consumption of petroleum, including non-energy use, in the period was 18.90 million tonnes. a decline of 1.10 million tonnes. or 5.3 per cent — over figures recorded a year ago. The use of petroleum product deliveries in the period was 4.9 per cent lower than a year earlier and that of deliveries for non-energy use 4.6 per cent lower. The figures show that total domestic energy consumption of primary fuels during the three months was equal to 73 million tonnes of coal, representing little change over 1986.

# Sudan seeks more money from expatriates

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan's prime minister said in which at least four people were cally called black market pound an interview he hopes to lure expatriate money from a pervasive black economy into state and bank

means of really attracting fremittances) and drawing them into the Sudanese white economy," Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi told Reuters on Sunday.

Remittances from its one million workers abroad are potentially a major hard currency source for impoverished Sudan but they continue to seep into the black market attracted, said Mr. Mahdi, by totally unrealistic ex-

change rates. The government on Oct. 3 devalued the currency by 44 per

"We are looking into ways and cent to 4.5 from 2.5 pounds to the dollar and Mr. Mahdi said he believed this bad the desired positive impact on the country's creaking, debt-laden economy.

We have to wait a little bit to really measure what has happened. We shall be stock-taking in mid-January to see what has been achieved," he said.

Asked if the pound would be adjusted further to attract remittances, he said: "We will look into all possibilities."

The devaluation sparked riots in Khartoum and other towns in

killed and scores injured.

The cut, agreed with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), was linked to sugar and petrol

Western economists in Sudan said the move was a courageous step in the right direction but the pound remained overvalued and the new rate remained far below

to a record nine pounds just after devaluation but has steadied around 7.5-8.0 pounds.

The economists said another devaluation — and a tough drive against illegal currency dealers might be necessary in 1988. Mr. Mahdi said an unrealisti-

Gulf Arab states, are now about that on the black market. \$5 million a month, compated with \$30 million three years ago. The black market dollar soared

The black market is not alone in denying the white economy expatriate funds. Finance Minister Beshir Omar

was one of many distortions pla-

there and the unrealistic condi-

tions are there. But we teally are

not going to recognise them, he

expatriates, working mainly in

Remittances from Sudanese

"Of course, the mutilations are

guing the Sudanese economy.

said a two-year probe into private banks in Sudan had revealed illegal operating which kept some

#### Sadeq Al Mahdi

Mt. Char told a news conference last sceek that some banks had set up currency dealers abroad to buy expainate savings.

# Iraq signs contract for satellite station

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq signed a contract worth over \$17 million on Sunday for an earth station to link up with the Arabsat satellite project. The station, expected to be completed by a Japanese company within 14 months, will enable Iraqis to receive direct television broadcasts through Arabsat from other Arab countries with similar stations. It will also provide almost 500 telex and telephone channels. Iraq is a member of the Saudi Arabia-based Arab Satellite Communications Organisation, which launched the first Arab satellite (Arabsut) in February 1985.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

#### Kuwait successfully curbs illegal labour

KUWAIT (R) - Hundreds of illegal immigrants in Kuwait rushed to take advantage of an amnesty letting them leave the country without penalty by Dec. 12, local press reports said. The amnesty was announced last September, and about 8,000 of the country's estimated 28,000 illegal workers have responded, the Ruwait Times said on Sunday. It quoted immigration officials as saying the amnesty would not be extended and tough measures would be taken against violators after the deadline. Newspapers reported huge queues at immigration officials and a scramble for sears on flights to the Indian subcontinent and the Philippines, from where many of the workers come. Foreign workers form 60 per cent of Kuwait's 1.7 million population. Authorities have sought to reduce their numbers as recession caused by lower oil revenues slowed economic activity.

### Wall Street firm to cancel 1,000 jobs

NEW YORK (R) - Kidder, Peubody and Company said it would eliminate 1,000 jobs as part of a cost-cutting programme, the latest in a string of retrenchments announced by major Wall Street firms, Kidder, 80 per cent-owned by General Electric Company, said the cuts followed a strategic plan under way for the past six months. In addition to the cuts, which represent about 13 per cent of its workforce, Kidder is closing about 10 per cent of its branch offices. It is also reducing 1987 staff bonuses by about 20 per cent. Kidder said non-personnel expenses will be cut by 20 per cent. The firm said total savings from the project would be about \$100 million. The job cuts are the biggest on Wall Street since Salomon Brothers said in September it would eliminate 800

# Vienna to sell 25% of Austrian Airlines

VIENNA (R) - Austria will sell part of the state-owned Austrian Airlines next year, a finance ministry official has said. Twenty five per cent of the airline would be sold to private investors next April or May, Mr. Winfried Braumann, an aide to Finance Minister Ferdinand Lacina, told Reuters. Austrian Airlines, which came close to bankruptcy in the late 1960s, is now one of the country's few state-owned companies which makes a profit. The government wants to create a new generation of share holders here. Austrian airlines has a good name among the general public and we think it should bring some new investors to the Vienna bourse," he said.

# Dhaka requests \$300m in aid

money out of the country.

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh has asked for nearly \$300 million in foreign aid to finance impons and development projects, and to replace economic losses from recent political turmoil, officials said on Monday.

Finance ministry officials said Bangladesh submitted an aid memorandum to international agencies and donor countries to help it rebuild facilities damaged by recent floods.

The proposed package included funds for import of nearly half a million tonnes of rice, they said.

Dhaka needs the new aid because of recent anti-government profess and 12 days of strikes. officials and diplomats said. According to official estimates,

Bangladesh lost up to \$50 million a day in lost production and expons during the stoppages.

More than 1,000 people were killed when floods - the worst for 40 years - swept two-thirds of Bangladesh between July and September, according to official

Officials said the floods destroyed 3.4 million tonnes of rice, ance to Bangladesh might be the main staple for Bangladeshis, hampered or delayed due to cur- cials said.

kilometres of road. Total flood losses have been estimated at more than \$2 billion.

Finance Minister Mohammed Syeduzzaman appealed for the aid at a meeting with donors in Dhaka last month, one official

The official, who declined to be identified, said the government had drawn up an aid puckage of more than \$260 million to finance the "rehabilitation programme" this year. It expects the money would come as grants.

A consortium of 23 countries and agencies last April pledged \$1.85 billion to finance tood imports and developments projects. Nearly 90 per cent of Bangladesh's projects under the annual development programme (ADP) are financed by foreign

Planning officials said the government had slashed this year's 50-billion taka (about \$1.6 billion) ADP by two per cent to finance the flood-recovery prog-

Diplomats said foreign assist-

"I think donors would still try to keep the food aid coming to save people from starvation and

keep prices within commonman's reach," one Asian diplomat told Reuters. "But they will certainly be hesttant about the project assistance

under the current circumstances," he said without giving State minister for food, Mr.

Sardar Amjad Hossam, said here on Friday that Bangladesh had now 1.1 million tonnes of foodgrains in stocks,

"It is good enough to face any short-lived crisis," he told repor-He said food prices remained stable despite intermittent strikes

mainly because of imports arrived on time and despatches from ports were uninterrupted, Normaliy, Bangladesh produces nearly 17 million tonnes of

grains and import about two million tonnes annually, But it revised the import target upward to four million tonnes for fiscal 1987 88 (July-June) follow-

ing the floods, food ministry offi-

# Iraq to increase oil production if not alloted quota equal to Iran

BAGHDAD, Iraq (Agencies) -Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim said Monday his country would increase its oil production if it was not allotted an output quota equal to Iran's at this week's OPEC meeting in Vienna. Mr. Abdul Rahim was evolain-

ing Iraq's oil policy to parliament members at a session on Monday. Excerpts of his statement were carried by the official media. He charged Iran, Iraq's Gulf

war enemy, is selling its crude for \$15 a barrel, \$3 less than the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC's) benchmark price.

He said Iran is offering the discounts to woo buyers, reluctant 10 send their ships to ferry Iranian oil at terminals that have

become regular targets of Iraqi air raids.

Iran's OPEC-decreed production quota stands at 2.37 million barrels a day and Iraq at 1.5 million. But Iraq has refused to abide by the ceiling and is pumpbarrels a day.

Oil ministers from OPEC's 13 member states will meet in the Austrian capital on Wednesday to discuss a new pricing and production strategy for the

We have refused to abide by this quota and will raise our output further unless the organisation recognises a quota for us that is similar to that of Iran." Mr. Abdul Rahim said.

Meanwhile, United Arab Emi-

Saeed Oteiba left for Vienna Monday saying he would try to reconcile contradictory stands on pricing and production policies at the upcoming OPEC meeting.

Dr. Oteiba also expressed hope ment over frag's demand for a higher production quota, equal to that of Iran.

In a departure statement. Dr. Oteiba was quoted by the official news agency WAM as saying: The UAE delegation is committed to the directives of UAE President Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan to work together with other OPEC members to preserve the unity of OPEC and coordinate efforts in the interest

of member states."

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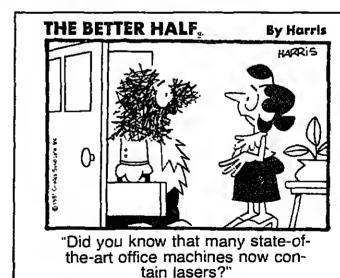


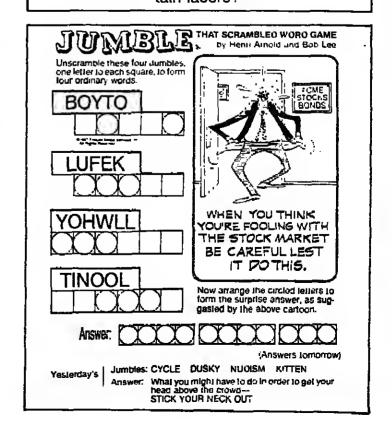
# **Andy Capp**











# Strike halts Bangladesh after Rabuka Ershad dissolves parliament power

DHAKA (R) — An anti-government strike brought Dhaka to a standstill on Monday after President Hossain Mohammad Ershad dissolved parliament the previous night.

Shops, offices, banks and facwere almost deserted with only some cycle-nick shaws and government buses under police escort

Railway officials said trains were not running because many drivers did not turn up for work. River ferry services were also disrupted.

Police said there was little violence in the early hours of the stoppage. Some bome-made bombs went off around the capital, but no one was reported burt. The strike took place only eight

hours after Gen. Ershad dissolved the 330-member parliament following a three-hour cabinet meeting on Sunday night. Informed sources said Gen. Ershad did not discuss the subject with the cahinet at all and that most ministers heard about it on a late-night broadcast by state tele-

Ruling Jatiya Party sources said the president might also replace bis 23-member cabinet with a council of advisers. But they could not say when that would happen.

They said Gen. Ershad's latest move would pave the way for talks with the main opposition parties which launched an unprecedented national campaign to bring bis government down.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) ---

The Soviet-hacked government

of Afghanistan said it released

2,394 prisoners Sunday to com-

memorate last week's meeting of

the Loya Jirga, the national coun-

country's new constitution.

cil which ruhber-stamped the

State-run Radio Kabul, moni-

tored in Islamabad, said verses of

the Koran were recited as 2,300

prisoners left the central jail Sun-

day in Kahul, the Afghan capital.

The opposition has staged 192 tories were shuttered. The roads hours of strikes in the past month. Eleven people, including two policemen, were killed in violence that erupted during the strikes, which the government said had crippled the country's economy.

"The talks must now succeed hecause he has cleared the decks. If it fails, we are afraid, that may be the collapse of the country's nascent civil government," a Jatiya spokesman said.

Under the constitution, fresh elections should be beld within three months of the dissolution of

Opposition parties began de-monstrations and strikes in November aimed at forcing Gen. Ersbad's resignation.

Gen. Ershad. 57, former chief of the Bangladesh army who toppled a civilian government in 1982, ordered a state of emergency, clamped curfew in five key cities and imposed a news han.

He also placed two main opposition leaders, Sheikh Hasina and Khalea Zia, under house

Dissolution of parliament was expected after 10 members of the fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami Party and two independents resigned from parliament last week. Hasina's Awami League, the largest opposition party, also de- arriving in Calcutta.

secretary of the Kabul branch of

the Communist Party, Zahoor

The broadcast did not specify if

the inmates were political prison-

ers, hut said they "praised the

Rezemju, were at the ceremony.

cided to resign hut her party members said they would delay the move until Hasina was freed.

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Fijian rule

SUVA (R) — Fiji's army com-

mander, Brigadier Sitiveni Rahu-

ka, will remain in firm control of

the South Pacific island chain

despite a return to civilian rule

after eight months of turmoil.

military sources said on Monday.

down as head of state on Sunday,

would retain control of security

forces as minister for home affairs

in the new government of Prime

Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese

Mara, they said.

Mara, wbo led the country for

17 years from Fiji's independence

from Britain until elections last

April, has yet to name his

cabinet, expected to be domin-

ated by members of his Alliance

Brig. Rabuka, who took power after two coups, moved swiftly to

dismantle the 22-member military

council which had ruled Fiji since

The sources said the 39-year-

old brigadier's move was aimed

partly at curbing growing influ-ence of the extremist indigenous

Taukei Movement which was be-

hind disturbances before the

About one-third of Brig. Rahu-

ka's military council were mem-

bers of Taukei, which wants poli-

tical and economic domination

for indigenous Fijians over ethnic Indians who slightly out-number them in the 714,000

Brig. Rahuka has warned

Taukei leaders against any vio-

new constitution to ensure poli-

tical supremacy for indigenous

A Taukei leader, who declined

to be named, said: "There is no guarantee that the constitution

will be changed to meet the

aspirations of the movement and

appointed under the military

administration were given ter-

mination notices to allow Mara to

install an independent judiciary,

Former Chief Justice Sir Timo-

ci Tuivaga, whose appointment

lapsed with the old constitution,

may be asked to return, they said.

the sources said.

the Fijian people generally.

population.

his second coup on Sept. 25.

Brig. Rabuka, who stepped

Gen. Ershad's Jativa Party held 217 seats in parliamentary elections last May, while the Awami League had 73 seats and Jamaat 10 seats. Seven smaller opposition parties and independents have 27 more seats.

The opposition parties said the Jauya won its majority by rigging the ballot. The government denied the charges.

Indian sources said Monday at least seven people were killed in clashes between police, opposition supporters and government followers in Bangladesh.

The sources in Agartala, capital of India's Tripura state bordering Bangladesh, said two people were killed on Monday when police fired at anti-government protesters at Lausbali. near the

southern port of Chittagong.
Four opposition supporters were killed in police shooting and clashes with followers of the ruling Jatiya Party near Chittagong and the town of Cox's Bazar on Saturday, they said.

An opposition supporter was beaten to death on Sunday hy Jativa followers at Mahisadal near Chittagong, they added.

Police and demonstrators clashed again on Monday in Chittagong and Dhaka but reports were sketchy, the sources said. Reports of the unrest have come from reliable Indian sources in Tripura and travellers

Najib frees 2394 Afghan prisoners

It said Interior Minister Sayed ment and guerrillas attempting to

Mohammad Gulabzoi and the overthrow it. lent protest against the new civi-The hroadcast said an additionlian government. He named foral 94 prisoners were released in mer Governor-General Ratu Sir Jalalabad, the provincial capital Penaia Ganilau as the first presi-dent of his newly-created Fijian of Nangarhar, east of Kabul. Taukei leaders criticised Brig. Rabuka's decision to give up poli-tical control hefore his promised

It said the release was part of an amnesty announced by President Najih during the Loya Jirga meeting. Mr. Najih told the 1,500 delegates at the meeting that 5,000 prisoners would be released.

# Rivals rally supporters in S. African township struggle

- Leaders of both sides fighting for power in Natal's black townships criticised each other at rallies on Sunday after a year of conflict in which it is estimated over 150 people have heen killed.

Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi told his Inkatha movement supporters in Ulundi shortly after police reported two more deaths in township hattles: "How in God's name can I be forgiving and how can 1 be forgetful?"

Socialist Congress Of South African Trade Unions (COSA-TU) negotiator Mhanjwa Dumisani told a raily attended by 5,000 ited Democratic Front (UDF) capitalist.

EDENDALE, South Africa (R) supporters at Edendale townships near Pietermaritzburg:

"Comrades here today will never agree or accept peace talks if there are still Inkatha people (not arrested) who have blood on their hands.

# GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TOO MUCH SUCCESS? Neither vulnerable South deals.

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♣ A 10 5 4 The bidding: North East 2 • Pass South West Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: King of  ${\mathbb T}$ 

Once again we are giving you the opportunity to test your technique On the first hand of a rubber you reach four spades after North has bid both of his suits and you have shown a strong five-card major. Cover the East-West cards and decide how you would play after the defenders start with the kingqueen of hearts. You are on the right track If you Buthelezi told his supporters:

The UDF and Cosatu are not worthy of the status of organisations to whom we need to be

The UDF denounces the Zulu leader for agreeing to rule one of 10 tribal homelands set up under apartheid to remove hlacks from white South Africa, while COSA-TU denounces unions set up COSATU and anu-apartheid Un- under the Inkatha banner as pro-

elected to ruff the second heart with a high trump, and then crossed to dummy with a club to run the nine of spades. That holds the trick. What next? It might seem you have no prob-

lem. Simply repeat the trump finesse, cash the ace and go about cashing your clubs whether the king of spades drops or not.

Hold it! You are getting ahead of yourself. When you repeat the trump finesse West wins the king and continues with hearts. If you look at the full hand, you will see you have lost trump control and your contract is doomed.
You can afford to lose two trump

tricks and a heart, so the hand is a laydown as long as trumps are no worse than 4-2. The solution is to win the second round of Irumps with the ace. leaving two trumps outstanding, and start running clubs. West can ruff and shift to a diamond, but you are in charge. Win and continue clubs, and the king of trumps will be the third and

last trick the defenders can get. The principle of this hand is basic. If you count your Irieks, both winners and losers, the line of play to ensure your contract often becomes obvious.

Artist Sameer Salameh

apologises for being unable for health and family reasons to hold his art exhibition, which was scheduled to open on Tuesday Dec. 8, 1987 at the Petra Bank Art Gallery.

### government of Afghanistan," It quoted one prisoner as expressing support for reconciliation between the Communist govern-Soviet genius

was sent to

labour camp

for 6 years MOSCOW (AP) — The chief space designer who propelled a Soviet cosmonaut into space ahead of the United States was incarcerated in jails and lahour camps for six years. a Soviet

magazine disclosed.
The weekly Ogonyok, one of the most popular and open publications under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's campaign for "glasnost," or openness, on Sunday published a six-page account of the life of Sergei P.

Korolev's work for the space programme was so secret that it was not even hinted at hy the Kremlin until he died of heart complications following cancer

Korolev.

surgery in January 1966. The magazine hinted that secrecy still surrounds the space programme and its personnel, publishing a version of a wellknown photograph in which Vasily P. Mishin, Korolev's successor as chief space designer, is shown for the first time.

Mishin previously was cut out

of the picture. Ogonyok traced Korolev's life from his youth in the Ukraine to his work on rocket programmes for the Soviet military in the

In 1933, at age 27, Korolev headed the development of the Soviet Union's first liquid-propellant rocket.

Contrasting with sketchy official Soviet hiographies of Korolev, Ogonyok noted that James C. Oherg, a Western space expert, had written 10 years ago that Korolev was imprisoned under Stalin.

Ogonyok went into detail ah-out Korolev's arrest in 1938 after he defended other scientists who had been declared "enemies of the people," his detention in jail, then in labour camps in the Kolyma region of the far east of

In 1938. Korolev was sentenced on charges of anti-Soviet activity to 10 years in jail, where he spent almost two years in solitary confinement, but the sentence was changed in 1939 to eight years in lahour camp, the

# Peking students clash with police over killing remains

PEKING (R) — About 500 students clashed with police near Peking city government offices on Monday as they marched to protest against the killing of a student, witnesses said.

Police manhandled the students from the University of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, who wore white mourning badges and carried wreaths to mark the stabhing to death of a student on their campus on Saturday, eyewitnesses said.

One protester was detained and police sealed off the area around the government offices late in the afternoon, telling a reporter he could not approach the building because a meeting was in progress.

Chinese witnesses said the students were angry at what they said was poor security on their campus and alleged the stahbing victim bad not heen given adequate treatment after being taken to

Former Filipino finance minister found shot dead

MANILA (R) — Former Philippine Finance Minister Jaime Ongpin was found dead with gun-sbot wounds at his Manile office

on Monday, police said. "We are still trying to determine if it was suicide or he was shot dead," Manuel Umali, a police officer at the Makati Police Station in suburban Manila, told

A private radio station said troops bad surrounded a downtown building where Mr. Ongpin bad his office.

Mr. Ongpin, 49, had held the finance portfolio from February 1986 when President Corazon Aquino took power. He was replaced in a September cabinet resbuffle.

The radio station said a janitor at the huilding where Mr. Onepin had recently set up an office heard a gunshot at about 4 p.m. It quoted a guard at the build-

ing as saying he was alerted by the janitor and rusbed to Mr. Ongpin's office, where be found the former minister slumped over his desk with a .38 calibre revolver lying on the floor nearby. "From where I am standing I can see blood splattered all over the place," radio reporter Loy

The protest hegan at noon with students marching around streets

close to Tiananmen Square in the

At about 4 p.m. they met

officials of the Ministry of Fore-

ign Economic Relations and

Trade, the university's parent

organisation and later marched

towards the city government

Students said the stahhing vic-

tim had been killed hy a "hooli-

gan." The witnesses said the stu-

dents did not appear to be mak-

Dec. 9 is the first anniversary

of a student demonstration in

Hefei, east China, which sparked

off national protests calling for

more democracy and freedom.

the targets of an ideological cam-

paign warning students against

further street demonstrations.

Universities bave since been

offices, witnesses said.

ing political protest.

centre of Peking.

Caliwan said. In a separate development, gunmen killed two people and wounded two others, including a soldier, in an attack which brought Manila's street war to the

gates of the Philippines' major military camp. The unidentified gunmen struck late in Sunday at an eating house directly across the street from the main gates of Manila's Camp Aguinaldo, the national military headquarters, as the army went on "triple red alert" in advance of next week's six-nation

# Marcos denies improper U.S. real estate dealings

WASHINGTON (AP) - For- tigation also said prosecutors are mer Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos says a federal investigation into his real estate deal- millions of dollars in jewellery ings and jewellery acquisitions is hrought into the United States

Federal law enforcement officials said Sunday the U.S. attorney's office in New York is studying whether Marcos unlawfully acquired some New York real estate and fraudulently attempted to transfer it to Saudi billionaire

Adnan Khashoggi. Sources familiar with the inves-

the Federal Grand Jury investiga-

checking whether Marcos and his

wife, Imelda, illegally acquired-

The sources, speaking on condi-tion of not heing identified, said tion is designed to determine whether any U.S. aid to the Philippines may have been involved in the acquisitions.

# Kim Young-Sam forced to abandon rallies

YOSU, South Korea (R) - Protesters hurling stones and pieces of wood forced South Korean opposition candidate Kim Young-Sam to cancel presidential campaign rallies in his opposition rival's stronghold on Monday.

About 500 people in a 1,000-strong crowd booed Kim as be addressed a rally in the south western port of Yosu, in Cholla province, forcing bim to cut short the speech. Protesters then

attacked his motorcade as be left the rally, witnesses said. More than 10 of Kim's suppor-

ters were injured by stones and the windows of about 20 cars were smashed. Cholla province is the power-

hase of rival opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung who is also running in next week's election.
A bostile crowd chanting "Kim

Dae-Jung" surrounded a restaurant where Kim Young-Sam

The opposition leader later announced he was cancelling campaign rallies due to be held in two other cities in Cholla province on Monday.

was to have lunch with local

officials and overturned a car

Kim Young-Sam accused the government of planning the disturhances, saying a protester briefly held hy his men was a policeman in plainclothes.

# VIENNA (R) — Vienna Mayor Helmut Zilk has said Dr. Kurt Dr. Waldheim, a former U.N.

Waldheim might not have the final word on remaining Austria's president if a commission checking his war record were to cast

word on the results, but that does not mean he will have the last," Mr. Zilk told a television interviewer. He was the first leading politician to imply Dr. Waldheim could be forced to resign against

Mr. Zilk, a prominent Socialist mooted as a possible successor to Dr. Waldheim, said a president should consider resignation if his moral competence were called into question to a point which cast doubt on bis competence as

"If he has grounds to resign, then I expect the president to see the problems himself ... we must wait to see what comes from the (commission's) dehates and what decision he takes. And then we must sit down together and take the discussion from there."

U.S. marks anniversary of attack on Pearl Harbour

PEARL HARBOUR, Hawaii (AP) - The 46th anniversary of Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harhour was commemorated Monday with a solemn ceremony aboard the USS Arizona Memo-

The memorial, which spans the hull of the hattleship sunk in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack, "serves to remind us that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance," Adm. Ronald J. Hays said in remarks delivered Monday.

The Arizona was one of 18 ships sunk, destroyed or heavily damaged in the attack. More than 1,100 servicemen died in the sinking of the Arizona, almost half of the more than 2,400 killed in the attack. The United States entered

World War II following the air attack on the naval base at Pearl Harbour and other military installations on Hawaii. The attack "thrust America

into the position of leader of the free world... a position from which we dare not shrink," said Adm. Hays, head of the Pacific

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# Mammoths may have survived Ice Age

LONDON (R) - Newly discovered skeletal remains of mammoths show the prehistonic beasts lived in Britain 5.000 years longer than previously thought and could not have died out in the last Ice Age, scientists have said. Leading mammoth expert Adrian Lister said the remains include an almost complete skeleton of a 30-year-old adult 12 feet (3.6 metres) tall and weighing 30 tonnes, and partial skeletons of three bahies. "They provide clear evidence that the full-glacial episode of the last cold stage did not hring about the final extinction of the mammoth in Western Europe." Lister and geologist Russel Coope wrote in the leading Nature magazine published on Thursday. The article said radiocarbon dating based on an analysis of their teeth show the mammoths, an extinct form of elephant, lived 12,800 years ago -5,000 later than previously believed. The well-preserved bones of the animals, distinctive for their great size. long hair and long curved tusks, were found in a pit in the central English county of Sbropshire by a woman walking her dog on a country lane.

### New reports raise WHO's AIDS total

GENEVA (AP) — Reported cases of AIDS rose by 3.534 to 71,751 worldwide, due to updated reports including large increases in Uganda. Tanzania and the United States, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said. A total of 128 countries reported cases. The 32 reporting no victims newly included Sierra Leone in Africa and Kinbati in the Western Pacific, who said. Uganda, reporting the highest total in Africa, listed 1,231 new cases between Feb. 28 and Oct. 31 for a total of 2,369. Neighbouring Tanzania registered an increase of 478 between April 18 and Oct. 17 for a total of 1,608 victims. The Ivory Coast told who of 132 new cases, for 250 overall. The United States, which has two thirds of all reported victims, listed 1,586 new cases in the six weeks ending Nov. 23, bringing its toll to 47,022. The new data narrowed the gap between the number of reportedvictims in Africa and Europe. Africa now shows 8,490 cases, only 130 less than the 27 European countries reporting victims. In Europe. West Germany reported 86 new cases in October for 1,486 altogether.

### Indian film wins top award in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) -- Spices, an Indian film directed by Ketan Mehta, was named winner of the East-West Centre Award at the seventh annual Hawaii International Film Festival, Accepting the award Saturday night from East-West Centre President Victory Hao Li was Indian film critic Chitananda Dasgupta. Spices is about a village's resistance to a domineering landlord, set in the mid-1940s. The East-West Centre Award honours a film that best represents the centre's philosophy of promoting international understanding hy providing insights that deepen appreciation of other cultures. The festival jury made a special Award to the Chinese film Old Well, directed by Wu Tian Ming. Some 160 filmmakers and 26 film festival directors were in Hawaii for the weeklong festival that included free screenings of 150 films at 14 locations. The 1987 Eastman Kodak Award for excellence in cinematography was awarded to Korean cinematographer Jung Il-Sung. Other films nominated for the East-West Centre Award were Sea And Poison directed by Kei Kumai from Japan, Ngati directed hy Barry Barclay from New Zealand and Matewan directed by John Sayles from the United States. The prize jury this year was chaired by Nagisa Oshima, the noted Japanese filmmaker. The jury included well-known Chinese actor and more recently writer and director Sun Daolin. Indian film critic and writer Aruna Vasudev and Gene Siskel, noted American newspaper and television film critic.

# 'Soviet police chief ran liquor racket'

MOSCOW (R) - A Soviet district police chief jailed for 10 years last week for corruption, sold stolen liquor in his police shop, the newspaper Selskaya Zhizn has reported. The former police chief of Volgograd district, K. Ivanov, found his salary "clearly inadequate to provide for lavish weddings for his two daughters. or for his men's gatherings or bathhouse entertainments." the newspaper said. "A special income was provided by a distillery, from which stolen spirits went not only to his table but also for sale at the affiliated shop in the police huilding," it added. Ivanov paid for magnificent receptions for former leaders of the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs, Selskaya Zhizn said. It did not mention names. Former Interior Minister Nikolai Shchelokov. a close associate of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, was sacked in 1983 by Brezhnev's successor Yuri Andropov. Sbchelokov's deputy, Yuri Churhanov, Brezhnev's son-in-law, was dismissed in 1984. The newspaper said Ivanov's deputy, A. Tyutyunov, had been imprisoned for 12 years, the Police Accounts Department Chief A. Kirilov for 11 years and the Chief of Security Guards A. Shumilin for five years.

# Ist AIDS hospital scheduled to close

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's first hospital devoted to caring for AIDS patients will close its doors this week because of financial problems, its owner said. The American Medical International (AMI) Hospital chain, which owns the Institute for Immunological Disorders, announced in August that it planned to phase out operations at the facility because of operating losses exceeding \$8 million, hut no date was given then. "The Dec. 11 data was chosen for employees to plan around." said Ann Wheeler, spokeswoman for AMI. "No official announcement was made." The last hospitalised patients were transferred or discharged from the institute during the first part of November, said Ms. Wheeler. The hospital has operated as an outpatient clinic since that time. Dr. Peter Mansell, medical director of the hospital, said about 30 patients are still being treated at the clinic. The patients will be referred to other institutions. The facility was opened in September 1986 to treat victims of deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

# Italy tries to buy masterpieces

ROME (R) — Authorities in Italy have seized millions of dollars worth of Impressionist masterpieces from a 70-year-old aristocrat and plan to buy them under an obscure law at a fraction of their market value. The works, including paintings by Van Gogh. Renoir. Cezanne Pisarro and Gauguin, are owned by Germanborn millionairess Irma Lucy Von Lutterotti who wants to move them from northern Italy's Alto Adige region to her new home in London. But the regional government in Bolzano, Alto Adige's capital, decided on Friday to exercise a right under a 1939 law to buy the paintings for 344.6 million lire (\$280,000) — the value stated on the application for an export licence. The law gives the state an option to buy a work of art at the value stated for export if the work is more than 50 years old and its purchase is deemed to be in the public interest. Italian newspapers have speculated that the works of art could be worth up to 100 billion lire (\$80 million). "The price is a joke." Von Lutterotti's lawyer Siegfried Brugger told Reuters in a telephone interview from Bolzano. "I intend to take immediate court action to stop the sale and will fight this case to the hitter end." The works are being held at offices of the Ministry of Culture in Verona which blocked their export in September and offered the Alto Adige government the chance to

# **APOLOGY**

# Vienna mayor hints Waldheim could be forced from office

doubt on his integrity.

"Waldheim must have the first his will.

Asked if the resignation question would depend solely on Dr. Waldheim, Mr. Zilk said he believed not. But he did not spell out how Dr. Waldheim might be removed from the presidency if he wished to remain after a

secretary general, said last week he would not regard the Historical Commission's findings as binding and that be was determined to serve his full six-year term. He denies allegations he was

involved in war crimes by Hitler's

army in the Balkans and says he

was unaware Jews were being deported. But commission sources say the historians are focussing on evidence that Dr. Waldheim was well-informed of the Nazi deportation of Jews from Greece and of harsh reprisals against partisan fighters and civilians

there and in Yugoslavia. The Chicago Sun-Times newspaper said on Sunday that Austnan Foreign Minister Alois Mock, until now a staunch backer of Dr. Waldheim, told U.S. and British officials that his Conservative People's Party would force Dr. Waldheim's resignation hy withdrawing support from him when the commission report is

published. The Austrian-funded commission headed hy Swiss military expert Hans Rudolf Kurz held its third session in Vienna last week and expects to complete its report by early Fehruary.